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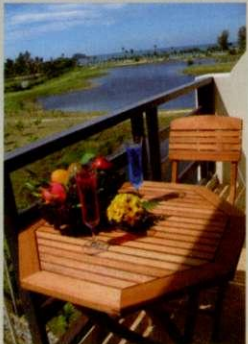
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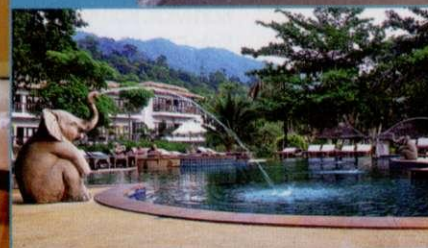
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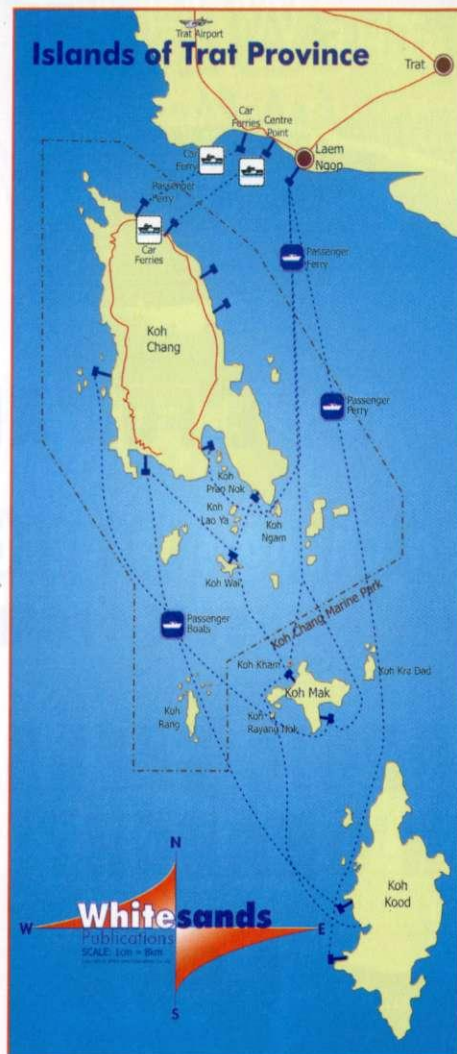
By Air

Trat Airport, owned and operated by Bangkok Airways, is located on the mainland 17 kilometres from the Koh Chang ferry.

Bangkok Airways Flight Schedule

Bangkok - Trat	Trat - Bangkok
PG301 Dep. - 08:45 Arrive - 09:45	PG302 Dep. - 10:15 Arrive - 11:15
PG305 Dep. - 11:45 Arrive - 12:45	PG306 Dep. - 13:15 Arrive - 14:15
PG307 Dep. - 17:10 Arrive - 18:10	PG308 Dep. - 18:40 Arrive - 19:40

Flights operate from and to Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport. Note also that the service that starts from Phuket, makes a stop in Koh Samui and goes on to Trat has been suspended, temporarily we hope. Instead Bangkok Airways are offering a minibus service to U-Tapao airport and then an onward flight to Samui or Phuket. Schedule



changes are not uncommon so you might want to check www.bangkokair.com or call 1771 for the latest flight times. The Koh Chang office of Bangkok Airways in White Sand Beach can be reached on 039-551-654/5 and the airport contact is 039-525-767/8. If you take the later flight and it is delayed in any way then don't worry - they hold the last ferry to Koh Chang to meet minibuses from the airport.

Buses from Bangkok

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Transport

Bangkok's eastern bus terminal, or Morchit - the northern terminal. The frequent departures from both are detailed in the table below. Buses take from four to six hours to get down to Trat or to the Koh Chang ferries. Most convenient are the buses run by Tanakawee or 99 Express that go directly to the ferry stops at Centrepont and Ao Thammachat. Expect to pay around 250 Baht for your journey.

If you get a bus to Trat, the nearest town to Koh Chang, you will arrive at Trat's bus station, about 1km out of town (See the Trat Map). Taxis will be waiting to take you the 20 kilometres to the Koh Chang ferry for about 250-300 Baht. You can reduce this to 50 Baht if you are prepared to wait and take a shared taxi.

There are also minibuses that pick up from guesthouses around Khao San Road in Bangkok and travel directly to the ferry departure point at Laem Ngop. Bookings can be made from any of the scores of travel agents in this area. The buses leave at 7-8am and take 5 or 6 hours. The trip costs around 250B including ferry crossing.

Buses: To/From Bangkok

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Ekamai to Trat	Trat to Ekamai
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07.00 am	08.00 am
09.30 am	09.00 am
11.00 am	09.30 am
12.30 am	10.00 am
01.15 pm	11.00 am
02.00 pm	12.00 pm
03.30 pm	01.00 pm
05.30 pm	02.00 pm
07.30 pm	04.00 pm
08.30 pm	06.00 pm
10.00 pm	09.30 pm
11.00 pm	11.00 pm
11.30 pm	11.30 pm
Morchit to Trat (via Airport)	Trat to Morchit (via Airport)
8.30am	8.30am
5.30pm	2.30pm

Tanakawee (02-391-2331)

Ekamai to Ferry (Ao Tammachat) to Khao San Rd.	Ferry (Ao Tammachat) to Khao San Rd.
08.30 am	11.30 am
Ekamai to Trat	Trat to Ekamai
10.30 am	10.00 am
12.00 pm	10.30 am
04.40 pm	12.00 pm
06.30 pm	02.00 pm
10.30 pm	08.00 pm
Morchit to Trat (via Airport)	Trat to Morchit (via Airport)
06.00 am	07.30 am
09.30 am	09.30 am
12.30 pm	12.30 pm
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Buses from Suvarnabhumi Airport

All the bus services that leave from Morchit bus terminal stop to pick up passengers at Suvarnabhumi airport's bus station. This is linked to the airport by a free white shuttle bus. The 99 Express buses from Ekamai also stop here. For departure times add twenty minutes to the Bangkok departure times in the timetable.

Buses from Pattaya/Koh Samet

Daily minibus services operate from Pattaya via Ban Pae (ferry port for Koh Samet) to the ferry departure point at Laem Ngop. The cost is around 400B from Pattaya or 300B from Ban Pae and the journey takes 4 or 2.5 hours respectively.

Going to Laem Ngop the service leaves Pattaya at 8am. It picks up in Ban Pae at 11am. A return service leaves Laem Ngop at 1pm daily. Public buses leave for Pattaya from Trat's bus station at 05.00, 09.30, 12.00 and 15.00 daily. It's a long hot journey and the minibus option is more comfortable.

By Car

Eastern Thailand and its islands can be easily reached by road and two regular car ferries operate to Koh Chang.

There are two main driving routes from Bangkok, both around 310km long.

The first route is to take Highway 3, the Bangna - Trat road. There is a quicker elevated tollway running above Highway 3. Continue until the Chonburi Bypass and here turn off onto Highway 344. Follow this road past Ban Bung and when you reach the Klaeng Crossroads turn back onto Highway 3 and continue on towards Trat.

Alternatively you can leave Bangkok on the Motorway that is a continuation of the Rama IX, Srinikarin road. This road goes

onwards and meets highway 344 where you can continue to Trat as detailed above.

To avoid Trat and go directly to the ferry departure points turn right onto the well-signposted Laem Ngop road about 20km outside Trat.

If you're driving from Pattaya take Highway 36 which joins Highway 3 heading towards Trat shortly after Rayong.

Travel from Cambodia

If you're coming to Koh Chang from Cambodia then it is most convenient to head for the border crossing at Hat Lek, close to the Cambodian town of Koh Kong. One month Thai visas can be obtained for free at the border. Just over the border in Thailand a minibus to Trat leaves (theoretically) every 45 minutes during border opening hours. It costs 120 Baht and takes just over an hour. Recently long waits have become common and they often don't leave until the minibus is full.

In Cambodia you can get to Koh Kong via daily minibus services from both Phnom Penh and Siهانoukville.

Once you have arrived in Trat then you can take individual or shared taxis directly to the Koh Chang ferries.

Boats to the Islands Koh Chang

A car ferry operates from Ao Thammachat on the mainland to Ao Sapparat on Koh Chang. Ao Thammachat is 9km from Laem Ngop and 17km from Trat Airport. A second ferry goes from Centrepont, 3 km up the coast from Laem Ngop. Times and prices are as per the table.

On arrival share taxis wait to take passengers to the various beaches. White Sands Beach (Hat Sai Khao) is 50B, Klong Prao is 60B, Kai Bae is 80B, Lonely Beach costs 100B and Bang Bao is 120B. NB - In the quieter season these taxis will often not leave until they are full unless you hire the whole taxi for 500 baht or even more. It is unfair but there is no point arguing - pay or wait.

Koh Mak, Koh Kham, Koh Kood & Koh Wai

It is now much easier to get boats and speedboats from Koh Chang to the other local

islands. Bang Bao Boat offers a daily service from Koh Chang to these islands. There are also other ferries that operate from Koh Chang to the other islands including one leaving from and operated by Kai Bae Hut. They can all be booked through local travel agencies.

Note, however, that in the low season months of fewer visitors and heavier seas these links from Koh Chang stop altogether so you will need to get ferries to Koh Mak and Koh Kood from the mainland.

Koh Chang Ferry Timetable

Ao Thammachat (039-555-188)	Centrepont (039-538-196)
First Ferry - 06.30 am Last Ferry - 07.00 pm Every 45 minutes	First Ferry - 06.00 am Last Ferry - 07.00 pm Every 1 hour
Prices (One Way only) Car: 120B Person: 80B	Prices (Return) Car: 180B Person: 140B

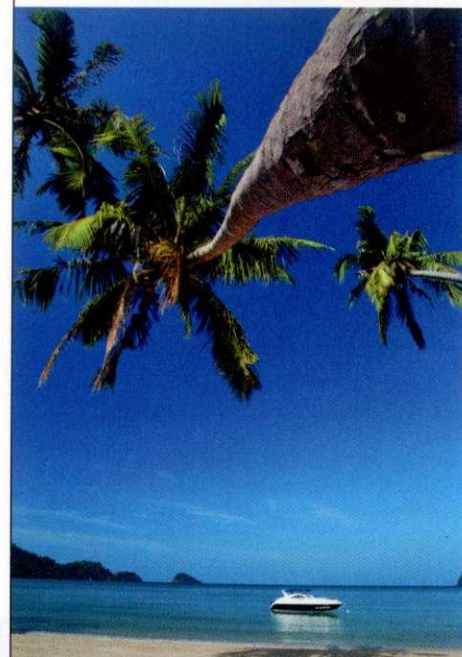
Koh Mak/Kood Ferry Timetable

Bang Bao Boat - Out	Bang Bao Boat - Back
Koh Chang 9am, Koh Wai 10:00am, Koh Kham 10:40am, Koh Mak 10:50am, Koh Rayang 10:20am, Koh Kood 12:00pm	Koh Kood 9am, Koh Rayang 12:40pm, Koh Mak 1:00pm, Koh Kham 1:20pm, Koh Wai 1:30pm, Koh Chang 2pm

Bang Bao Speedboat - From Koh Chang (3 times daily)		
Koh Chang -	9:30,	10:30, 12:00
Koh Wai -	9:50,	10:50, 12:20
Koh Kham -	10:10,	11:10, 12:40
Koh Mak -	10:20,	11:20, 12:50
Koh Rayang -	10:40,	11:40, 13:10
Koh Kood -	11:20,	12:20, 13:50
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Bang Bao Speedboat - From Koh Kood (3 Times daily)		
Koh Kood -	9:00,	10:30, 12:00
Koh Rayang -	9:30,	11:00, 12:30
Koh Mak -	10:00,	11:30, 13:00
Koh Wai -	10:30,	12:00, 13:30
Koh Chang -	11:00,	12:30, 13:50
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Nor Nou Kai Hut Speedboat - Out	Nor Nou Kai Bae Speedboat - Back
Koh Chang 09:00 Koh Wai 09:30 Koh Mak 10:00 Koh Kood 11:00 Tel: 081-982-29870	Koh Kood 11:00 Koh Mak 12:00 Koh Wai 12:30 Koh Chang 13:00 Tel: 081-817-6832



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Panan Speed Boat 12:30, 16:00	Costs 450B (50 mins) 09:00, 13:30
Wooden Ferry 11:00 (Tue/Sat only)	Costs 300B 08:00 (Mon/Fri only)
From Laem Sok	From Koh Mak
Catamaran 350B 14:30 (Fri/Sat only)	Price Includes taxi to Trat 12:00 (Fri/Sat only)
Koh Mak - Koh Kood	Koh Kood - Koh Mak
Siriwhite Speedboat 09:50, 13:50	10:00, 12:30
Mainland - Koh Kood	
Koh Kood Express: 12:30 daily - 350 Baht	
Koh Kood Princess: 12:30 daily - 350 Baht	
Koh Kood Fantasea: 13:30 daily - 600 Baht	

Getting Around Koh Chang

On Koh Chang white share taxis run between all the beaches as far as Bang Bao and the ferry

terminals from 6am until late evening. They can be flagged down anywhere and used to travel around the island. If you are planning to return to your hotel late at night don't rely on the taxis since evening services are a bit erratic. Either book a taxi yourself or take advantage of the transport services that are increasingly being offered by many of the hotels, bars and restaurants on the island.

Alternatively cars, motorcycles and bicycles can be hired from many hire firms and resorts. Biker Point close to the temple in Klong Prao village has some nice new Kawasaki 125 and 250cc bikes for rent. Or you can rent decent bicycles from the White Sand Publications office next to the main Post Office in Pearl Beach or from Mickey Mouse in Chai Chet.

Roads are of variable quality and there are some dangerous hill sections. **If you are an inexperienced motorcycle rider then think carefully before hiring a motorbike. Every year the island has quite a few road deaths and many visitors have their trip spoiled by a motorcycle accident.** If you don't wear a helmet the local police will be waiting to fine you.

Leaving Koh Chang

When leaving the island from any of the main beaches wait anywhere on the road about 45 minutes before ferry departure and share taxis will stop and pick you up as they pass taking you to the ferry departure point. If you are travelling to Trat airport then you can book a minibus that will take you directly to the airport. Book this on 039 525 775/6.

Travel Agencies

On Koh Chang you will find that you can book transport and island activities at any of scores of little travel agents. But how can you know which ones are reliable? There is one way. Travel agencies in Thailand can apply for official recognition through the Tourist Authority of Thailand (T.A.T.). After paying a deposit and passing a review the T.A.T. issues them with a license number. So ask your travel agent for their T.A.T. number. Then you can be sure that they are licensed and in the event of any difficulties you can contact the T.A.T.

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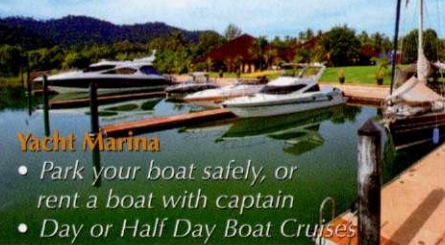


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For those of you on Facebook joining our Group - **The Koh Chang Guide** - is a good way to stay up to date with events on the island.

Koh Chang Guide App

Some helpful people have now created a *Free Koh Chang Guide App* that is available for iPhone and iPad at the Apple store. It takes the form of a clickable map of Koh Chang that gives you information about and ratings on hotels, restaurants, shopping, things to see & do and help info.

Climate

Southeast Thailand only really has two seasons, a dry period that runs from November to May and a wet season from June to October. Temperatures are coolest from November to December with daily maximums averaging around 30C. Just before the wet season this can rise to the high thirties.

It can rain heavily in the wet season but rainfall is by no means constant. Indeed sunny days are still common. All the resorts and facilities on Koh Chang remain open and this can be a good time to visit for those seeking a quieter holiday. The busiest time for visitors to the region is December to April.

Tourist Information

There is a Tourist authority of Thailand (TAT) office in Laem Ngop. Phone - 039-597-259/60.

Information on Koh Chang National Park can be obtained from the National Parks offices in Laem Ngop (Tel: 039-597-088) or from the office in Koh Chang (see map).

Health & Medical Facilities

Koh Chang International Clinic, part of the Bangkok Hospital group, (039-551-555 or www.kohchanginterclinic.com) is located on White Sands Beach. They are open 24 hours a day.

There is a small hospital in Koh Chang just south of where the mainland ferry arrives (Phone - 039 586 131/160). Klong Son, Kai Bae, Klong Prao and Bang Bao also have small clinics.

Trat has 2 larger hospitals: Bangkok Trat Hospital, a private institution, which has excellent facilities and is recommended in the event of any major accidents or emergencies (039-532-735) and Trat Hospital (039-511-040/1).

The region has Malaria although cases are very rare. It is more of a risk in the monsoon. Take the usual precautions.

Increasingly people are using their holidays in Thailand to have dental work done. Dentists here are as good as in the rest of the world and charge a fraction of the prices in Europe and the US. Now you can use the Koh Chang Dental Clinic or Baan More Fun Dentist in Trat to get your teeth healthy. Contacts are 086-320-0702 and 039-557-235. Note that their Trat clinic has recently moved to spacious new premises on Thanon Wiwithana around the corner from their old place.

Similarly Thailand is a great place to buy prescription glasses, sunglasses and contact lenses since prices are much lower than back in Europe or elsewhere. You will find a great number of optical shops in all of the island's shopping areas.

Note also that there is a leading drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre on Koh Chang. DARA Thailand offer treatment programs by internationally certified therapists in a comfortable, secluded and luxurious resort setting. Contact them on 087-140-7788 or info@dararehab.com.

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Emergencies

In the event of a medical emergency after normal ferry hours contact the Koh Chang International Clinic call centre on 039-551-555 or Bangkok Trat Hospital on 039-532-735.

They can arrange for emergency evacuation by boat and ambulance to Trat.

The main police station on Koh Chang is at Dan Mai. They can be contacted on 039-586-191. There are also police stations in White Sands Beach (Tel. 039-551-544) and in Chai Chet, Kai Bae and Bailan Beach. Alternatively the Tourist Police can be contacted on 039-557-382/3 or 1155.

Banks

Koh Chang now has ATMs all over the place so withdrawing cash is no problem. There are also lots of banks and foreign exchange offices at the main beaches. These days some of them, notably Bangkok Bank and Krung Thai bank, are also open on weekends. Various hotels and guesthouses will change both traveller's cheques and cash but the rates offered are lower than the banks. Many resorts and restaurants also accept credit card payments but the often charge an extra few percent.

Communications

Wi-Fi is now pretty universal on Koh Chang. If your resort doesn't have it then ask them why not. Many restaurants and bars also have wireless connections. Since we're on an island the service can be poor so if you are told that the internet is down then it probably is - usually not for too long though. Koh Chang also has internet cafes offering net access from 1-2B per minute. See the maps for locations.

The island's main Post Office is at Pearl Beach. There is also smaller post office at the beginning of the pier in Bang Bao.

Postage rates are reasonable. A small



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NB: If you are receiving mail on Koh Chang or giving somebody a postal address on Koh Chang then please note that there is real confusion over the house and business numbering system on the island. House number 222 might many kilometres away from house number 223 since numbers are given out in date order. To give your post a better chance of reaching its intended address then the post office have asked us to stress that you should include the beach or village name of the place you are sending mail to. Thus our address is White Sand Publications, 222/12 Moo 4, Pearl Beach, Koh Chang, Trat, 23170.

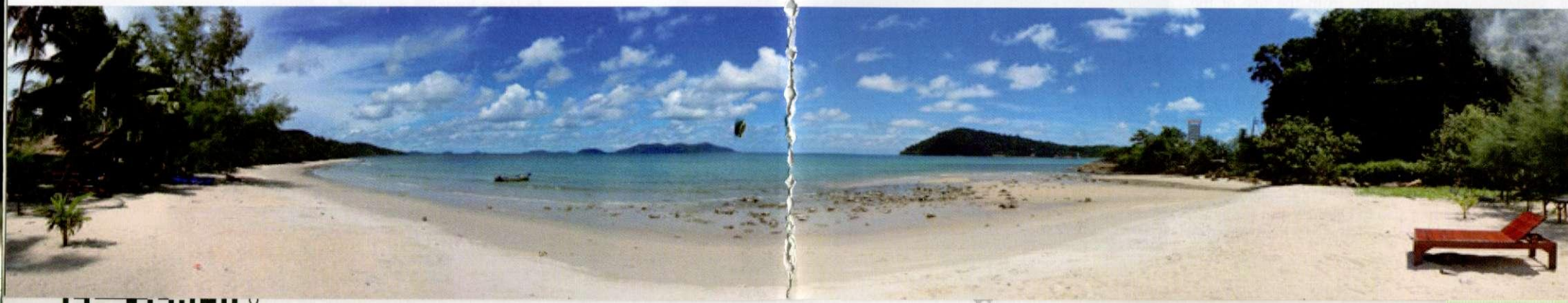
Local and national phone calls can be made at several of the resorts and businesses on the island (10B/min local or 40B/min international are typical prices). There are

international phone terminals on most of the main beaches. You can use Skype at some of the internet cafes.

Immigration

Passport holders from 42 countries are not required to obtain a visa to enter Thailand for tourism purposes and will be permitted to stay in the Kingdom for a period of not exceeding 30 days. Visitors entering the Kingdom at land border immigration checkpoints will be allowed to stay for only 15 days. The regional immigration office is located at Laem Ngop. It is now located in the centre of Laem Ngop. It is located 50 metres down the last right turn before the sea on the main road heading from Trat. The location is marked on the Koh Chang Map. They can deal with visa extensions and other queries here. If you have a 30 Day Visa for Thailand you can extend this for up to 10 days. You can also get a one month extension on a two month visa. These extensions cost 1,900 Baht each. Phone 039-597-261/265.

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leave Thailand after spending 30 days in the country with a visa-on-arrival and immediately return on a new visa-on-arrival. You won't be allowed into the country. If you plan to stay over a month in Thailand then you are strongly advised to apply for a longer duration tourist visa at a Thai embassy or consulate in your own country.

Environmental Protection

Please remember that you are in a national park. Avoid littering and leave Koh Chang as beautiful as you found it. If you would like to help with keeping Koh Chang clean then visit the Facebook page of a local group that is working to do something about and maybe volunteer a little time to helping to preserve paradise. The page is at

[Facebook.com/groups/keepkohchangclean](https://www.facebook.com/groups/keepkohchangclean)

As the island develops, there can inevitably be problems with litter, pollution and destruction of natural resources. If you see any particular such transgressions then we suggest that you report them to either the national park office or to the Tourism Authority of Thailand. What you say can have a big impact!

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Thanks to Jon from Koh Chang Photographer who has again provided us with some great images of Koh Chang for this issue of the guide. He is available on 084-727-5413 for all kinds of photographic assignments and specialise in wedding pictures and beach portraits.

Many thanks also to David Vinot for again contributing many of his excellent pictures

including this issue's cover photo. And thanks also to Minik for his images.

We love to receive new pictures so please let us know if you have some pictures that you'd like to see in print - we'll be happy to run them and give you a mention.

Important Dates & Events

On Thai public holidays banks, post offices etc. are closed but all transport and most tourism-related businesses still operate as normal.

July

11th Friday - Asana Bucha Day:

12th Saturday - Buddhist Lent

14th Monday - Public Holiday in lieu

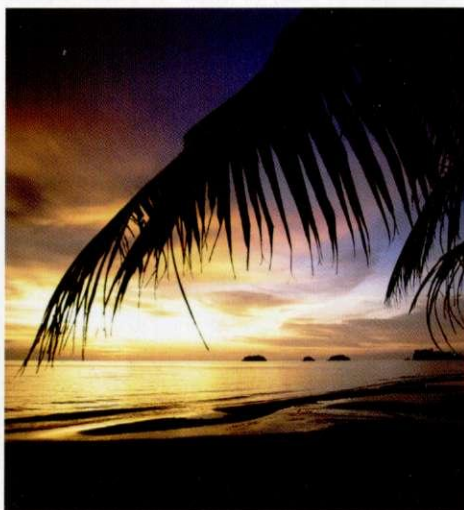
These are Public Holidays celebrating the Buddhist Lent period when monks traditionally retreat to their temples in contemplation as new life grows and springs forth.

August

12th Monday -

The Birthday of her Royal Highness the Queen of Thailand.

This day serves as a Public Holiday to celebrate the Queen's birthday and is also the day that Thai people celebrate Mothers' Day.



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Bangkok Clinic - Ko Chang	1719 / 039-5511-51/2
Bangkok Hospital - Trat	039-532-735
DARA Thailand	087-140-7788
Klong Prao Clinic	039-557-070
Koh Chang Hospital	039-586-131/160
Koh Chang Dental Clinic	039-557-235
Trat Hospital	039-511-040/1
Koh Chang Animal Project	089-042-2347
Police	
Immigration- Laem Ngop	039-597-261/5
Koh Chang Police - Dan Mai	039-586-131
Tourist Police - Koh Chang	039-557-382/3
Lost/Stolen Credit Cards	
American Express	0-2273-0022
MasterCard (Toll Free)	001-800-11-887-0663
VISA (Toll Free)	001-800-11-535-0660
MasterCard/VISA	02-256-7326/7
Transport	
Koh Chang White Taxis	English: 089-909-8909 Thai: 081-862-8770
Trat Airport	039-525-767-8, 1771
Centrepont Ferry	
Trat Bus Station / 999 Express	039-511-986
Koh Chang Ferry (Ao Thammachat)	039-555-188
Bus: 999 Express	089-752-5732
Bus: Cherdchai Tour (BKK, Trat)	02-391-2237
Bus: Tanakawee (Trat)	039-252-222
Bus: SWB (Klong Son)	089-113-3490
Embassies & Consulates	
Australia	02-287-2680
Cambodia	02-957-5851-2
Canada	02-636-0541
Denmark	02-343-1100
Finland	02-250-8801
France	02-266-8250-5
Germany	02-287-9000
Italy	02-285-4090/3
Japan	02-696-3000
Laos	02-539-3642
Malaysia	02-629-6800
Netherlands	02-309-5200
Norway	02-204-6500
Singapore	02-286-2111
Spain	02-661-8284
Sweden	02-302-0360
Russia	02-234-9824
U.K	02-305-8333
U.S.A	02-205-4000
Vietnam	02-251-5835/8

Airlines

Suvarnabhumi Airport	02-356-1111
Air Asia	02-515-9999
Air France	02-635-1191
Bangkok Airways - Koh Chang	039-551-654
British Airways	02-627-1701
Air Canada	02-670-0400
Emirates	02-134-2918
Etihaad	02-253-0099
Eva Air	02-269-6288
Gulf Air	02-254-7935
KLM	02-635-2300
Lufthansa	02-654-6800
Malaysian Airlines	02-263-0565
Qantas Airways	02-627-1701
Qatar Airways	02-259-2701
Singapore Airlines	02-353-6000
Swissair	02-204-7777
Thai Airways	02-356-1111

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Local Services

Tax Office Dan Mai	039-586-220
CAT	081-350-2012
TOT	039-551-515
Electricity Office - Dan Mai	039-586-067
Labour Office - Trat	039-530-843
National Park Koh Chang	039-555-080
Tourist Authority of Thailand (TAT)	1672
TAT Laem Ngop Office	039-597-259/60
Fire Station	039-511-044
Hook Computing	081-949-1524
True Visions	02-725-2525
Koh Chang Television	039-551-371
Website design	086-111-9967

For Activities and Hotel phone numbers please see the relevant sections of this guide.

Useful Websites

www.koh-chang-guide.com - Our website has a wealth of information about Koh Chang.

www.kohchangnews.com - This Koh Chang news website is informative but is unfortunately only in Thai.

www.lamkohchang.com - This site has plenty of up-to-date information on Koh Chang.

www.tourismthailand.org - The Tourist Authority of Thailand's official website.

www.booksthailand.com - A Koh Chang based book shop. Order Online and they will deliver to your hotel.

www.bangkokpost.com - Thailand news at the website of the Bangkok Post newspaper.

www.thaivisa.com - This huge website/forum covers almost everything an expat could wish to know about visiting and living in Thailand.

Activities Contacts

Real Estate

ABC	081-762-6482
Hummingbird Residence	094-045-9975
Island Life Condo	083-096-8150/2
Siam Royal View	039-555-144
Koh Chang Guide Property	081-919-8219

Trips & Activities

Island View Resort	089-155-2669
Treetop Adventure Park	084-310-7600

Tattoo Studios

Jack Tattoo	089-794-5848
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Golf

Siam Royal View Golf	039-555-144
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Diving & Snorkelling

B.B. Divers	086-155-6212
Dive Supply	039-551-518
Scandinavian Chang Diving	089-401-3927
The Dive Adventure	039-558-134
White Sand Dive Company	082-218-8358

Shopping

BooksThailand.com	081-919-8219
kohchang-photographer.com	084-727-5413
La Cabra	081-440-4814
Peace Moon	085-068-7139
Samui's Taksin Samunprai	089-645-7237
Shopping Mall Shop	039-551-590
Wine Gallery	081-668-7035

Massage, Beauty, Saunas & Spas

Bodiwork Spa	039-551-399
Coco Massage	083-314-5777

Travel Agencies

Island Net	039-551-215
Jungle Fresh Travel	089-279-0021

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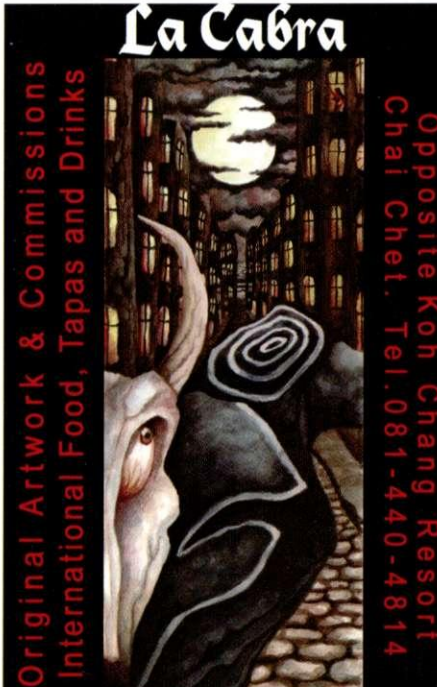
Ban Kwan Chang	081-919-3995
Chang Chutiman	089-939-6676

Thai Cooking Schools

The Happy Turtle	087-132-7668
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Diving & Snorkelling

There are some excellent diving and snorkelling opportunities around Koh Chang and the region is rapidly developing into a major centre of diving in Thailand.

The diving in the area is mainly at reasonably shallow depths with good reefs located at 5 to 25 metres. Visibility can reach 30m but is variable. You can dive year round but the best time is between October and the end of May since rougher seas during the rainy season can reduce visibility or make it difficult to reach the dive sites. However there are calmer periods in the rainy season when diving conditions are OK.

There are impressive reefs in the area with a variety of soft and hard corals including Massive, Columnar and Stagshorn Corals. These support a range of tropical reef life including Blue Tipped Rays, Moray Eels, Trigger Fish, Grouper and Batfish. Turtles can be spotted and Whale Sharks are also seen in the area from time to time.

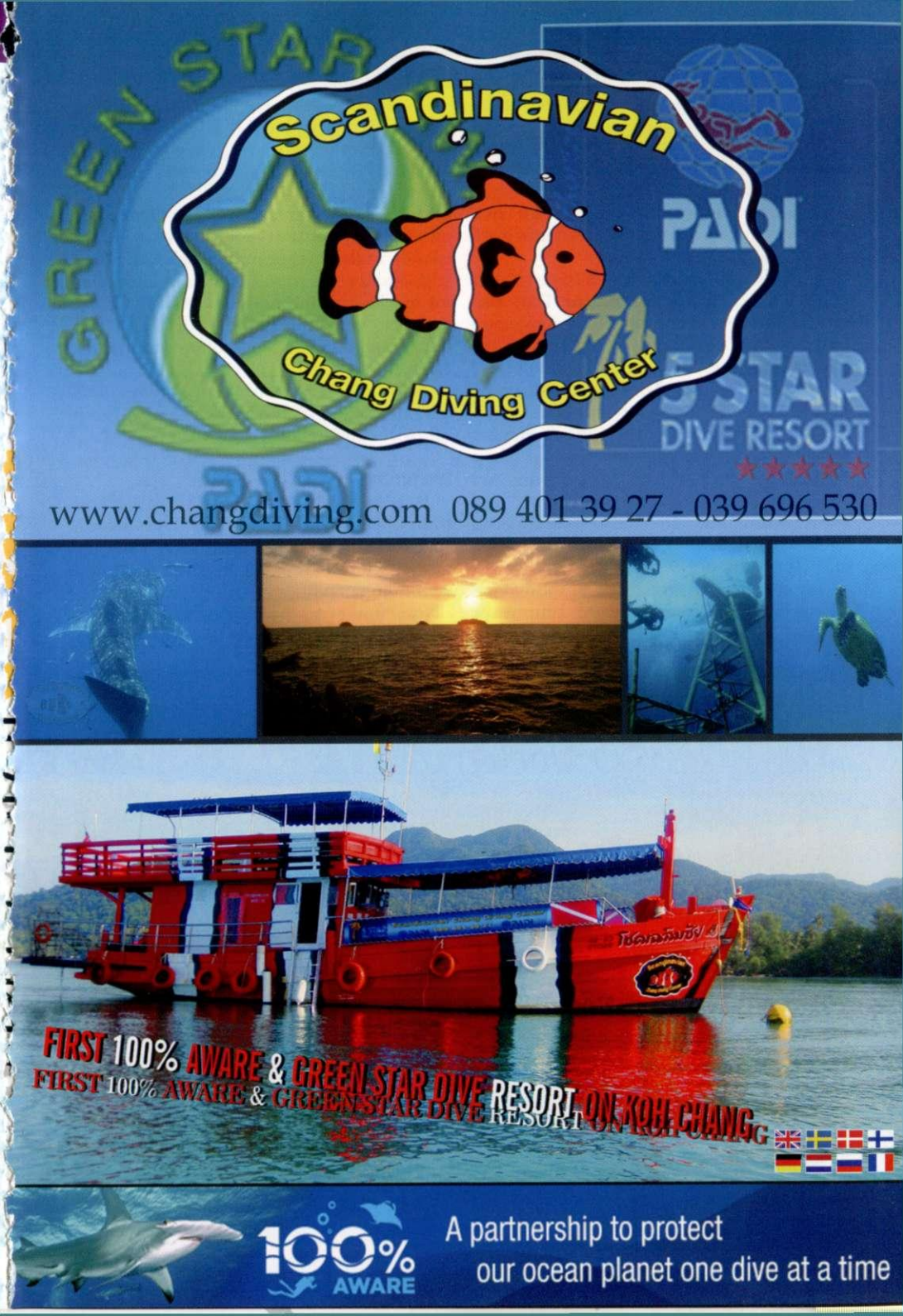
There are a series of dive sites offering good diving at 5-18m around the seamounts and small islands to the West of Koh Chang. These include Koh Man Nok and Hin Sam Sao. The deeper dive sites are located off some of the islands and seamounts to the South of the Archipelago. Hin Luk Bat has a lot of good coral and some good swim-throughs. Hin Raap is a deeper rocky site with good soft corals.

There are also some good dive sites around Koh Rang Island. This is slightly further away from Koh Chang but well worth the journey to dive some interesting pinnacles and see some of the best coral reef in the region.

Koh Chang now has two wreck dives. The first is the HTMS Chang which lies in waters to the South-East of Koh Chang. The 100 metre long vessel provides all kinds of pleasure and technical diving opportunities to those who fancy something a little more adventurous.

The newest wreck is the 30 metre T11. Sunk by the Thai Navy in December 2013 this wreck is in shallower water and divers with an Open Water diving certificate are able to dive the site.

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and travel agencies on the island. Or refer to the list of dive shop contact numbers at the beginning of this activities section.

The price for a two-day Discover Scuba course is 4,500B whilst full PADI certification costs around 14,500B. Pleasure dives cost 2,700-3,000B, depending on site, for two dives with lunch. All other PADI courses are also available.

Koh Chang Dive Supply is a large retailer of all kinds of Diving equipment. They also offer a full repair and servicing workshop for all sorts of Scuba equipment and are the largest equipment dive equipment supplier in Eastern Thailand. Their office is located between White Sand Beach and Chai Chet.

Siam Watersports is another dive equipment retailer. Their recently remodelled shop has a huge stock of gear from diving and snorkelling equipment to free diving and spear fishing kit. They also specialise in Technical diving and equipment for Nitrox and Trimix diving.

You can take advantage of Scandinavian Chang Diving Center's Nitrox compressor if you'd like to do some nitrox diving whilst

on Koh Chang.

If you fancy taking the effort out of diving it is worth noting that B.B. Divers now have six underwater scooters that you can use to make like James Bond as you cruise the reefs.

Whilst the beaches of Koh Chang themselves offer little opportunity for snorkelling other islands in the chain can be reached by boat trips and there is some excellent shallow reef for snorkelling at these sites. On Koh Chang the rocky shorelines at Hat Kai Mook and Bang Bao Cliff Cottages offer some good snorkelling.

Additionally most of the dive shops will take snorkellers on their boats. Contact them for prices and details.

Swimming

It is generally fine to swim off all of Koh Chang's beaches. In the high season conditions are calm and safe and the gradual slope of the beaches makes for good swimming conditions.

Note, however, that during the monsoon heavy seas with strong rip tides can develop

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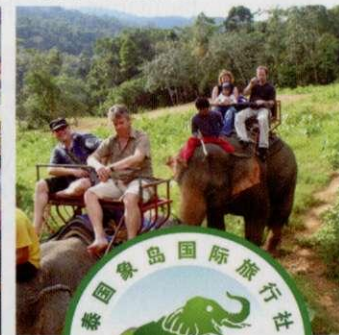


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off Koh Chang's beaches and people drown every year. There is little in the way of lifeguards or safety equipment so if you go out and get into trouble you can't expect any help. Basically, don't swim beyond your abilities and if the sea looks dangerous it probably is so stay out of the water when it's too rough.

Gyms and Yoga

If you want to stay in shape while on Koh Chang then you might fancy a workout at the new BB Gym in Lonely Beach. They have all kinds weight and cardiac equipment, Yoga classes, Wii games and a swimming pool. And thankfully there is also a bar and restaurant in which to recover.

Golf

Yes there is a new golf course on Koh Chang for all you addicts. Opened a couple of years ago at the Siam Royal View Resort on the north of the island 5 minutes from the ferries, this par 3 course has 9 holes with different tee positions so you play in one direction in the morning and then they move

the mats so you can play a different route in the afternoon. They rent clubs and balls for only Baht300 and after your round take a dip in one of the resorts infinity pools or take lunch or dinner at their marina pub or their popular Beach Club.

If you need some practise before you head out on the fairway then a visit to the driving range may be in order. It is located in Klong Son, a couple of kilometres up the road inland from the 7-Eleven in a peaceful and attractive valley.

Boat Trips

A variety of boat trips around the islands are available. These can be used as a means of travel between the islands or simply to go for a day trip of sightseeing or snorkelling.

Note that some of these boat services stop operating during the monsoon when the sea can be rough so check with travel agencies to see what services are currently running.

Natcha Tour in Bang Bao offer an interesting adventure on their overnight "Secret Island Camping" boat trips, currently going out three times a week.

Bang Bao Boat and also Nor Nou Kai Bae Hut Speedboat both run a regular speedboat service between Koh Chang, Koh Wai, Koh Maak and Koh Kood.

Sea Adventures has a 13m catamaran. Day trips, sunset dinner cruises, party trips and corporate charters are all available departing from Siam Royal View in Klong Son.

Island View resort in Salak Phet offer snorkelling trips, sea kayaking, sailing trips and island cruises on their range of different boats. They are the local base for Gulf Charters Thailand who offer 8 Yachts for charter from 32ft to 52ft, Cats and Keelboats for Bareboat or Skipped Charter.

For an altogether more leisurely water experience you could hire the F.M.T (Floating Motorized Table) from Moley's Resort. Cruise down Klong Prao river with your legs in the water, weigh anchor, dine and drink with a spectacular backdrop. The vessel seats four and is truly unique.

If you are interested to know the tide times in the Koh Chang region then they can be found - for Koh Mak but that's close enough - at: <http://easytide.ukho.gov.uk>

Kayaking

You can rent Kayaks at Bang Bao Cliff Cottages and explore their sheltered bay or venture further afield.

Kayak Chang run sea kayaking trips around the Marine National Park. As well as single day trips they also undertake guided expeditions around the islands near Koh Chang.

Walking

The mountainous jungle interior of the island offers some challenging and enjoyable walking. Several people on the island act as guides and due to the demanding terrain and bad paths it's probably worth taking a guide unless you're an expert. Kongoi Jungle Trekking would be more than happy to take you into the jungle from their office at the beach just after Bang Bao village.

There is a Mangrove Walkway close to Salak Kok on the East of the island. You can take a 15 minute stroll through the mangrove forest on a raised walkway that is sadly made entirely out of concrete.

There is a scenic rock walk in the grounds of Nirvana Resort, located on the peninsula jutting out from Bang Bao bay. The walkway ends at a sun deck which is a great place to observe one of Koh Chang's most spectacular sunsets.

Muay Thai

Koh Chang finally has its own centre for Thai boxing in Bailan Beach. The KC Thai Boxing Club offers a range of Muay Thai training courses taught by an experienced trainer from Ayuttaya. You can do a one day introduction to Muay Thai or for the more committed students there are courses ranging from one week to two months. They also offer very economical full board packages including training, accommodation and meals. Their Facebook page is kcthaiboxing.

Cycling

A fun way to see the island whilst reducing your carbon footprint is to rent a bicycle, although you will need to be in good shape to tackle some of the island's bigger hills. There are bikes for hire at Booksthaland next to the main Post Office at Pearl Beach.

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Wildlife

Most of Koh Chang is covered in rain forest that has been largely undisturbed due to the mountainous terrain of the island. There are also good examples of mangrove forest ecosystems where the island's numerous streams meet the sea. Marine National Park status was awarded to the island chain in 1982 in an effort to preserve the exceptional land and marine environment.

The forests of the island support a large range of wildlife. A survey conducted for Thailand's National Park Service in 1992 recorded 29 different species of mammal on Koh Chang. These included the Stump-Tailed Macaque, Barking Deer, Wild Pig, Javan Mongoose and Silvered Langur.

Birdwatchers will be pleased to know that 74 bird species were found including the Nightjar, Pacific Swallow, Yellow Vented Bulbul and Oriental Pied Hornbill.

Additionally the survey noted 42 different species of amphibians and reptiles. Snakes that inhabit Koh Chang include the Python, Rat Snake and King Cobra. Malayan Mud Turtles, Monitor Lizards and the ubiquitous Gecko are also found on the island. There are

also a variety of very vocal frogs.

If you prefer your wildlife experiences to be a little more organised then note that Koh Chang now has a couple of Crocodile experiences. You can get up close and personal with the scaly predators at the Crocodile & Snake Show at Hat Kai Mook on the east coast and also at Ban Chivit which is 500 metres up the road that leads to Klong Plu waterfall in Klong Prao.

Waterfalls

The following waterfalls are free to visit and there is usually plenty of water from July to December. They may dry up after this though so ask around for the latest information. Klong Nonsi waterfall is close to Dan Mai on the eastern side of the island. It has several tiers. The first is a ten minute walk into the jungle, and at the top there is an inscription made by King Rama V. There are two waterfalls, Klong Neung and Khiri Phet near to Salak Phet in the southeast of the island. Both are clearly signposted. There are also smaller waterfalls up the valleys behind Klong Son, White Sands Beach and Kai Bae. Ask locals for directions.

There are also national park administered waterfalls at Klong Plu near Klong Prao village and Than Mayom near to Dan Mai village. If you are a foreigner you will be charged an entry fee of 200 Baht. Thais pay 20 Baht.

Elephant Trekking

The word 'Chang' means elephant in Thai, so what could be more appropriate than going elephant trekking on Elephant Island. The treks are a good opportunity to sample some of the beautiful scenery of inland Koh Chang. You can go direct to the elephant camps yourselves but since the best ones are hidden away in the jungle it might be easier to call them directly or book at a tour agency to arrange a pick up from your hotel.

Chang Chutiman operate economical and popular elephant trekking to the interior of the island from their new jungle elephant camp about 500M from the main road in Klong Prao village.

Baan Kwan Chang offer elephant treks that take place in another beautiful inland valley to

the North of the island. To get there turn inland at Klong Son and proceed for about 3km.

Shopping

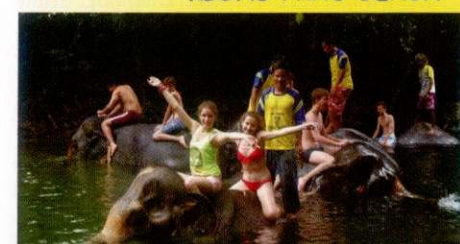
You can pick up a surprisingly large range of goods, both souvenirs and necessities in Koh Chang. There are a huge number of shops selling souvenir items on the major beaches. These include carvings, jewellery, ethnic clothing and handicrafts, bags, T-Shirts, CDs etc.

You can buy original artwork and also commission work La Cabra in Chai Chet. They produce the illustrations for our Koh Chang Treasure Map and make some excellent detailed maps of Thailand that are great holiday souvenirs.

Koh Chang Wine Gallery sells a huge range of wines, beers and spirits at reasonable prices. They now have stores in White Sand Beach and Lonely Beach as well as in Kai Bae, so you're never far away from a shop.

Peace Moon about halfway down the pier in Bang Bao sell all kinds of bags, belts and leather products that they make by hand themselves from regular leather as well as Ostrich and

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crocodile skin. They also have a range of silver jewellery and other souvenirs. They have also just opened a new store in the centre of White Sand Beach.

A new addition to Koh Chang is Samui's Taksin Samunprai in Kai Bae. This shop, a new branch of the popular Koh Samui franchise, sells a large range of herbal and health drinks and treatments.

K-Bee Gems and Jewelry in Klong Prao village is a shop that specialises in quality jewellery made from local precious stones from Chantaburi, Koh Chang's neighbouring province.

The three shopping mall shops next to Krung Thai Bank at White Sand Beach sell handbags, jewellery and holiday gifts.

You can find small supermarkets, now including 7-eleven and Tesco-Lotus stores, on all the beaches selling a reasonable range of foods, groceries, hardware and every kind of tourist item and souvenir you can imagine. For Western food products try Anna Store in White Sand Beach and Sing Tong in Klong Prao, both of which offer a good selection.

Reading

BooksThailand.com is a used bookshop with a large selection of books in over twenty



languages. It is located next to the main Post Office at Pearl Beach between White Sand Beach and Chai Chet Beach. There are more than 4,000 books on display and you can now have a coffee and a meal in their cafe whilst you browse. If you return a book bought from them in good condition they will refund 50% of the purchase price.

Books and local newspapers are available in supermarkets at White Sands and Chai Chet Beaches. Additionally many resorts and several shops offer book sales, rentals and exchanges.

Cookery

If you want to learn how to make authentic Thai food then why not try Thai cookery classes from the cooking home and restaurant of KA-TI Culinary also in Klong Prao.

Another option at Bailan Beach is to try the Thai cooking course at The Happy Turtle.

Massage, Saunas, Spas & Beauty

Why not relax with a traditional Thai massage? The Bodiwork in the centre of Kai Bae the, Bodiwork cafe in Klong Prao and also the new Bodiwork & Tea House in Chai Chet offer a wide range of massage programs and Spa treatments from staff highly trained by Bangkok Bodywork Training Centre, Bangkok. They also have a professional massage centre at K.C. Grande Resort on White Sands Beach. Their large range of programs includes Thai, Swedish, Sport and other full body massages, Reflexology, Steam treatments, Jacuzzi and facial and body treatments. New treatments include Crystal Spa and Ayurvedic Massages, Lymphatic drainage, Ear Candle and Slimming Treatments. They also offer courses for those who wish to learn the art of massage and spa treatments.

Apsara Spa in White Sand Beach offers Spa Treatments from Chang Buri Resort.

The Spa Koh Chang Resort is at Salak Khok on the east side of the island. They offer a range of fasting, detox and cleansing programs as well as meditation, yoga and massage therapy. They have an herbal steam room and swimming pool. Their websites are www.thespakohchang.com and www.thesparesorts.net.

Royal Spa is located at K.C. Grande Resort and Spa on White Sand Beach. They offer a

large selection of relaxing and rejuvenating massage and spa treatments in a lovely beachside location.

Coco Massage with branches in Chai Chet, Klong Prao and Kai Bae is another place where you can enjoy many different styles of massage. They also have Coco Fish Spa outside Mac Resort on White Sand Beach where special fish will happily nibble away all the dead skin on your feet.

Tattooing

There are a number of Tattooists on the island. Standards of artwork are generally good. On White Sands Beach, Jack, who is based at Tantawan Resort, does impressive work using traditional tattooing techniques combined with modern cleanliness and sterilised equipment.

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Keep Koh Chang Clean!

Koh Chang has a litter problem.

This isn't surprising. Everywhere where people live has a litter problem. The problem is the thoughtless people who throw it on the ground.

As the number of visitors to the island grows so does the amount of rubbish that is left all over the place. Koh Chang does have a regular and fairly efficient refuse collection service that collects from set locations daily. The problem is that there isn't any official service for collecting litter that has been strewn around everywhere else around the island. And in the absence of this rubbish just collects, looking

awful and polluting and damaging the environment.

So rather than complaining about it a group of locals decided to actually get up and do something about it. And the revolutionary concept that they had was this:

Pick it up!

Because that's all that you have to do really. Keep Koh Chang Clean is a group that doesn't make a song and dance about it. It isn't affiliated or funded by the government, the national park or any other organisation. They don't have big committees. They just meet up regularly and clean up rubbish where they see it.



You Can Help

If you have a couple of hours to spare for a good cause then why not join in one of the group's organised clean ups. It's more fun than it sounds and is a good way to meet some interesting people whilst helping to keep Koh Chang beautiful.

You can find out the date, time and location of the next clean-up by joining their Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/keepkohchangclean

But you don't have to join in with an organised collection to do your part. As you travel round Koh Chang why not just pick up rubbish where you see it and throw it in a nearby bin? - or if you're feeling really energetic then maybe fill a black bag and leave it at a collection point. It takes no time at all and you will have helped to keep a lovely part of the earth lovely. Koh Chang thanks you in advance!



Buying Property in Thailand

The laws and regulations regarding purchase of land and properties in Thailand can be confusing to a foreign investor. The following are a few ideas to get you started in figuring out how things work over here. Remember that this is only a very broad overview and you should do further research.

Legal Representation

Basically the best thing that you can do is get a good lawyer with experience in helping foreign investors purchase property. What may seem a high fee in the short term can save you a fortune and a lot of trouble later on. We recommend that you consult a legal firm in Bangkok or Pattaya: there are many in Pattaya who specialise in foreign real estate deals. Since they have a lot of experience they are probably a good choice. Alternatively if you are dealing with a good real estate agency they should be able to recommend good legal representation to you.

Foreign Ownership of Condominiums

Foreign nationals can purchase and own apartments entirely in their own name as long as Thai nationals own 51% of the remaining floor space by area in the rest of the condominium.

Foreign Ownership of Thai Land

In the case of land, however, they need to establish a Thai company that will purchase and possess the land. By law they must remain a minority shareholder in this company but in reality they can exercise sole control over the company through a variety of directorship appointment clauses and different types of shares and voting rights. The individual investor can then lease the land and buildings from the controlling company as a further level of protection. Consult your lawyer for details.

A common alternative to this approach that is very common in house and condo sales is to purchase a rolling 30 year lease on a property which can be renewed three times giving the buyer a total ninety years of tenure.

Types of Land Title

Chanote

The best and most secure of Thai land title deeds. The boundary markers of this land are measured by GPS and it provides a certificate of ownership of the land.

Nor Sor Sam Gor

The boundaries of land with this title deed are still fairly clear, being defined with reference to aerial surveys.

Nor Sor Sam: The land boundaries for Nor Sor Sam are defined relative to those of neighbouring plots and errors are common. But it is still an assured title of land possession.

Por Bor Tor/Sor Kor

These are effectively squatters land titles. Whilst a lot of land with these title deeds on Koh Chang has in fact been developed the development is all, strictly speaking, illegal.

NB - Occasionally it is possible to apply to have one of these less secure forms of land title upgraded to Chanote. In practice this can take years and may never happen. If someone tells you that 'their' land will be upgraded then wait until it has been and you have seen all the paperwork before going any further. It is not uncommon for the ownership of land with Por Bor Tor or Sor Kor title to be disputed. It is probably best to only consider land with Chanote, Nor Sor Sam Gor or, at a pinch, Nor Sor Sam land title.

Thai Land Measures

In Thailand Land is measured in Rai, Ngan and Wah which correspond to the following land measures:

1 Rai	=	1,600 sq.m
1 Ngan	=	400 sq.m
1 Wah	=	4 sq.m

Or alternatively:

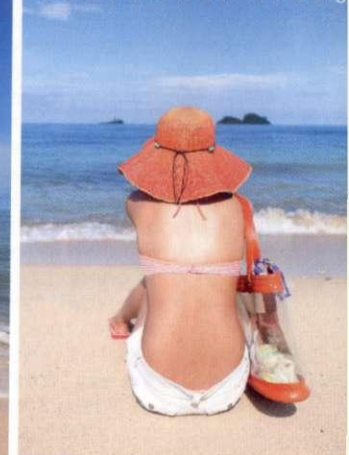
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Koh Chang's Property Market

The Koh Chang Property Market

Times are changing fast in the youthful Koh Chang Property Market. Koh Chang has only recently developed as a tourist destination and so has only experienced large scale growth in hotels and tourist visits over the past ten years or so. Whilst there has been an explosion in the number of hotel beds and related tourist businesses the potential for residential property construction, with a few notable exceptions, has remained untapped. If you consider the histories of development of Thai resorts like Koh Samui, Phuket and Hua Hin that have been growing for ten or twenty years longer than Koh Chang then the next wave of development is set to see huge demand for housing and condominium development.

There are certain factors unique to Koh Chang that have major effects on how the property market will develop.

The first is the fact that Koh Chang lies within a Thai Marine National Park. Around 70-80% of the land area of the island falls within national park control and, since it is under government ownership, it cannot (at least in principle) be developed.

Also, the Thai Navy own large tracts of land on the island. Add to this the fact that a lot of the remaining land is of tenuous land title (see our section on Thai land types) and the area of land on Koh Chang that is available for development becomes still more limited. The effect of this is that property prices can seem quite high, obviously as a factor of high demand coupled with limited supply. In the longer term of course this limitation on available land means that an investment in a well-built house or condo on a development with secure land title offers fantastic potential for growth in market value.

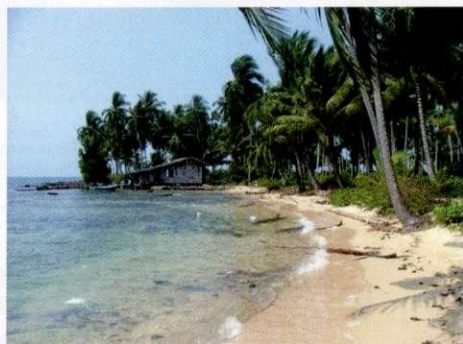
There have so far only been a few organised housing and condo developments on Koh Chang and many people have resorted to buying land and arranging construction themselves - no mean feat. But new projects keep coming online and since we represent all of the island's main commercial developments then you are welcome to call into our office or call us on 081-919-8219 to find out what we currently have available, or take a look at the property section of our website www.koh-chang-guide.com where there are many pages of land, property and businesses for sale..

Koh Mak and Koh Kood

The nearby islands of Koh Mak and Koh Kood are also developing as alternative considerations for property and housing investment. The islands are smaller, Koh Mak very much so, but since they lie outside the national park far more of the land can be developed. Koh Mak so far has just a few residential developments and Koh Kood has none so any dream home projects currently have to be built from the ground up. The islands are both remoter and less developed than Koh Chang. Whether this is a good thing or not is a matter of opinion. They are certainly pretty and peaceful but this can come to feel remote and isolated in the low season. It might be a good idea to pay a visit at this time of year to get a feel for things before you buy.

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Trat

The small town of Trat is the administrative and trading centre of Trat province. It is located 26km or 32km away from the departure points for passenger ferries to Koh Chang. Trat only has a population of 20,000 but bustles with activity due to the fact that it is the main market town of the province.

There is an open-air market on the main street - Thanon Sukhumvit - that offers interesting Thai food and drinks late into the night. There is also a large covered day market selling all manner of foods and household goods.

Good things to shop for include the huge range of fruits that are available year round, many of which you may not have seen before. Trat province is famous for the Rakham

which is a rich sweet fruit that looks a bit like a strawberry. Or there is the Durian with its spiky shell, pungent smell and unique love-it-or-hate-it flavour. Try whatever looks interesting. You can also buy good fresh seafood and vegetables in the market.

Local handicrafts include elaborately woven wicker products, especially hats. These can be found in Ban Nam Chieo, a largely Muslim village between Trat and Laem Ngop.

Trat has a big Tesco Lotus supermarket with accompanying shops and restaurants and a food hall. And now also a Makro supermarket.

Wat Buppharam is a 17th Century temple with some interesting architecture. It lies 2km out of town (see map). There are several other temples scattered around the town centre.

Trat has good medical, communication, financial and other facilities. Locations are shown on the map above.

There are a multitude of local Thai restaurants around the town - the one opposite Trat Hospital is our favourite. Also Joy's Pizza, and Kruarimklong do good food.

You can find many other small restaurants and bars scattered around the town centre. The large bar next to Tesco has live music and so does Knight which is a large club about 1km out of town on the Bangkok Road.

There is a guesthouse area just south of the town centre with many backpacker style guesthouses and accompanying restaurants, internet cafes etc. There is little to choose between the different guesthouses that all offer clean and inexpensive rooms together with good information and a friendly welcome.

About 10 minutes from the centre of Trat is an attractive reservoir that is a pleasant spot for an afternoon stroll. There are several restaurants in scenic locations on the shoreside. You can often see fireflies by the canal that begins here and flows through town.

Laem Ngop

Laem Ngop is a fishing village on the coast and is the departure point for passenger ferries to Koh Chang and the other islands.

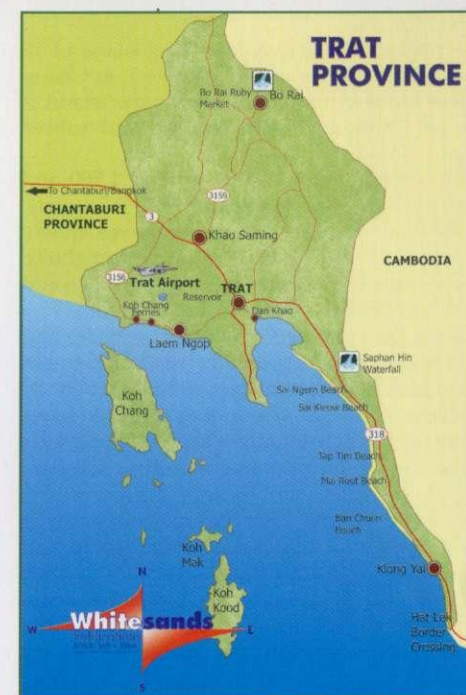
Places worthy of note are the Immigration Office that serves the Eastern region of Thailand and the Tourist Authority of Thailand office.

By the ferry pier there is a large monument commemorating two Thai boats that were sunk in a naval battle of 1942 off Koh Chang in which Thai forces repelled the French Navy.

Klong Yai & Hat Lek

Klong Yai is a small fishing town on the road to the Cambodian border at Hat Lek. It is the closest mainland town to Koh Kood and whilst there is, as yet, no regular ferry service you ask around if you are feeling intrepid and maybe find a boat on its way to the island.

Heading on to the border itself at Hat Lek you will find a couple of hotels on the Thai side as well as thriving market selling all manner of weird and wonderful imports and exports.



Mainland Beaches

There is a long thin coastal section of Trat province that heads southeast towards the Cambodian border at Hat Lek, 90 kilometres from Trat. For detailed information take a look at our new map of the region on the facing page.

At the moment the area is not much visited by foreign tourists but this is slowly changing. There are a string of really attractive beaches on the long sandy coastline with a few accommodation options including the Centara Chuan Talay Resort which is a quality beachside resort located in a lovely beach of powder sand 46 kilometres from Trat Town. If you are looking for the peace and quiet of a deserted tropical beach then this is the place for you.

Heading away from Trat on highway 318 these beaches include Sai Ngern Beach, Sai Kieow Beach, Tap Tim Beach, Mai Root Beach and Ban Chuen Beach, all of which offer rewards to the intrepid explorer.

Saphan Hin waterfall is located 31 kilometres from Trat and is an attractive cataract located at the end of a ten minute walk along a riverside path through an attractive forested valley.

Koh Mak

This is an attractive, low-lying island of 16 square kilometres in size. Unlike Koh Chang there are few mountains and so the island is widely cultivated with coconut and rubber plantations.

The population is only around 1,500 and there is little infrastructure outside the resorts. It is a sleepy place where life moves slowly and a visit to the island is the perfect choice for visitors who want to relax by the beach and unwind from the stresses of modern life.

Since there are very few motor vehicles and the island is well covered by roads and tracks Koh Mak is perfect for exploring on foot or by bicycle. Although if you like to expend less effort getting around then many of the resorts now hire motorbikes out at around 400 Baht per day.

There are pretty beaches in the bays to the northwest and southwest of the island and this is where most of the resorts are located, although there are now some new resorts in the other bays.

Here there are still long stretches of beach with no development at all and on Koh Mak

you always feel a long way from the worst excesses of tourist development.

However you should remember that in the monsoon season from May to October the island can seem very remote when the boat services from Koh Chang stop and only the daily ferry to the mainland keeps you in contact with the outside world.

Internet access has now improved and you can now get online at most of the larger resorts.

There are a few smaller islands off Koh Mak, some of which have resorts and can be reached fairly easily from Koh Mak itself. They are Koh Kham, Koh Rayang Nok and Koh Kra Dad. To arrange a visit to these islands contact the resorts or ask around on Koh Mak.

Activities on the island revolve largely around the beaches; all the resorts have restaurants and bars and as you would expect you can find some good Thai food as well as a smattering of places that offer international fare.

It is easy to combine a trip to Koh Mak with visits to Koh Chang or some of the other islands in the archipelago. Refer to the

transport section for details of the various ferries to the island that operate from the mainland, Koh Chang and the other islands. Alternatively some of the Koh Chang boat trip services can drop you off on the island. Enquire for details.

When you arrive on Koh Mak representatives from all the resorts will meet the ferry and offer free pick up and drop off to visitors.

Koh Kood

Koh Kood is the second largest and southernmost island in the Koh Chang archipelago. Its topography is similar to that of Koh Chang; it is also mountainous and largely covered in rain forest. The highest hill on Koh Kood, at 315 metres, is Khao Phaentee in the southeast of the island.

Another significant scenic feature is Klong Chao waterfall. The waterfall itself is not particularly high but falls into a huge plunge pool in a very beautiful jungle setting, a good place for a cooling swim. Various boat operators on Koh Chang or Koh Mak offer trips to the waterfall.

The sea here is extremely clear and a brilliant

blue colour. This makes the many beaches that run down the West coast of the island extremely pleasant places to be. Also there are some excellent corals at shallow depths on many of the beaches

Despite the fact that Koh Kood is Thailand's fourth biggest island the population is only around two or three thousand. Infrastructure is improving and there are now decent roads between many points of interest on the island but the resorts to the extreme north and south of the island are still only accessible by boat. There is also a small hospital.

The largest settlement is the fishing village of Ao Salat in the northeast. This is worth a visit just to see the wide range of seafood brought in and sold on the rickety wooden pier.

Unfortunately there isn't yet any organised public transport on the island. In fact there aren't many vehicles at all. If you want to have a look around ask at your resort to see if you can hire a motorbike or get a car to take you around. Alternatively you might be able to get around in a motor boat or canoe.

Traditionally the resorts on the island have been luxury developments catering mainly



Other Islands

to Thai package tourism. Transport to these resorts is arranged as part of the package deal.

There are now, however, some new low, medium and high end options which cater more to foreign visitors. Rooms at these places range from 400-500 Baht per night up to around 100,000 (not a typo!) Baht per night at the new super upscale Six Senses Resort on the island.

From the mainland the easiest way to reach the island independently is with a daily ferry leaving from Laem Ngop and Koh Chang or by taking the local ferry from Dan Khao close to Trat (see transport section). From Koh Chang look out for ferry services operated by Bang Bao Boat.

If you want a beautiful sandy beach virtually to yourself and don't expect anything by way of nightlife other than listening to the waves lap then Koh Kood is the place for you. If you expect a party you will be disappointed but if peace and quiet is your thing then the island is a good choice of destination. The water around Koh Kood is famed for its blueness and clarity and you can find some pretty good corals off the beaches if you like to snorkel. You can dive off Koh Kood with B.B. Divers at away Resort.

Koh Wai

Koh Wai is a small crescent shaped island with two small, pleasant beaches. There are two resorts on the island with rooms that range from simple huts to larger air-conditioned beach bungalows. There is some good snorkelling on the shallow reefs off the beach or you can try diving with BB Divers who have recently opened an office here. The lack



of development makes the island an ideal place for a peaceful beach trip and it's a good place to kick back after some strenuous travelling.

Other Islands

Whilst there are plenty of uninhabited islands in the Koh Chang archipelago a couple of the other islands have resorts on them.

Koh Lao Ya is actually two separate islands linked by a bridge and is a pretty place that has had a resort on it for over ten years.

Koh Ngam is another island just off the South Eastern tip of Koh Chang. This island has a picturesque beach and a singles resort.

Some of the Koh Chang boat trip services can drop you off on the island. Enquire at local travel agents for more information.

Koh Chang Beaches

White Sand Beach

White Sand Beach is the three kilometre stretch of sand that was the first of Koh Chang's beaches to offer visitor accommodation in the form of basic bamboo huts. Today things have changed a great deal and White Sands has more hotels, restaurants, bars and other tourist facilities than anywhere else on Koh Chang.

Fortunately the steep hill behind the beach limits development to a narrow strip along the road. Since Koh Chang is a national park there are also rules governing the height of buildings so it is refreshing that there aren't any buildings of greater than three or four storeys to spoil the views. These factors allow White Sand beach to retain all of its charm and if you look back at the island from the sea you are treated to a glorious vista of rainforest-clad hills rising to the unfeasibly sharp peak of Chom Prasat mountain climbing over 600 metres above. If you are feeling particularly intrepid then local guides will be happy to point your way across the dense jungle

slopes and lead you to amazing views from the peak.

The beach itself is a long expanse of sand that has a relatively busy southern part and a more secluded northern stretch that is sheltered behind the buttress of rock occupied by the appropriately named Rock Sand Resort that bisects the beach. The northern stretch is accessible only by foot along the sand or by driving there down the world's steepest road (probably).

In terms of accommodation White Sands offers the full range of one to five star options. Obviously you will pay a premium for beachfront but there are some good mid-range bungalows right on the sand and if you are prepared to walk a little way to get to the water then there are some very economical places to stay.

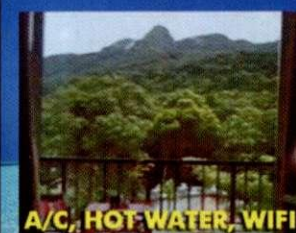
Staying at the island's most developed beach has advantages; there are scores of restaurants that offer the food of all kinds of nationalities. There are some nice little rustic bamboo beach bars, bars that offer live music like the famous Oodie's, the

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Koh Chang Beaches

'mini-Pattaya' section on the main road is home to a bevy of beer bars and there is now even a nightclub called One.

In terms of infrastructure there are plenty of banks and exchange places on the main road as well as several small supermarkets and plenty of gift shops, travel agents, diving businesses, opticians, tailors, jewellers, pharmacies... If you need it it's here.

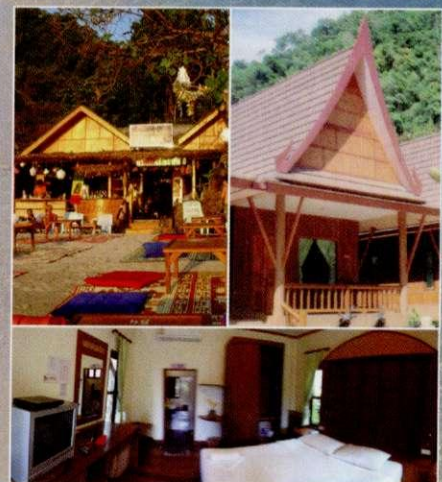
Pearl Beach (Hat Kai Mook)

Pearl Beach enjoys a great location since it is sandwiched between the two major tourist beaches at White Sands and Chai Chet. That means that it is located close to all the facilities and infrastructure of these places but far enough away so that you can experience a bit of peace and quiet.

The beach isn't sandy - it consists of a stretch of rounded pebbles protected by rock outcrops at either end - but it is quiet and atmospheric and when the sea is calm there is some good snorkelling here with some corals and reef fishes - a rarity for a Koh Chang Beach.

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There are just a handful of smaller bungalow resorts on the beachfront and they are all in the low to mid-range price range. Add to that a few little places beside the road and that is all the accommodation in this area.

There are a few little restaurants in the area that offer good meals at competitive prices and are hence popular with Koh Chang residents.

Amongst the facilities at Pearl Beach is Koh Chang's main post office which is located here beside the main road. Next to this is Booksthailand.com, a second-hand bookshop that also serves coffee, drinks and meals (check the specials board).

There are also furniture and electronics shops as well as the offices of TOT and CAT, both phone and internet providers are also nearby.

Chai Chet Beach

One long beach with two names? That's what the Klong Prao bay offers. The northernmost couple of kilometres of the beach

Koh Chang Beaches

are known as Chai Chet and the southern half is known as Klong Prao Beach. It's not really that confusing when you get the hang of it.

Chai Chet beach is sheltered to the North by a rocky outcrop that provides a splendidly atmospheric backdrop for your sunset pictures. This protects a river inlet where a few colourful fishing boats are usually moored. And then there is a lovely stretch of sand that is at first fronted by some mid-range hotels and then, walking south, you reach an isolated section with just sand, sea and palm trees.

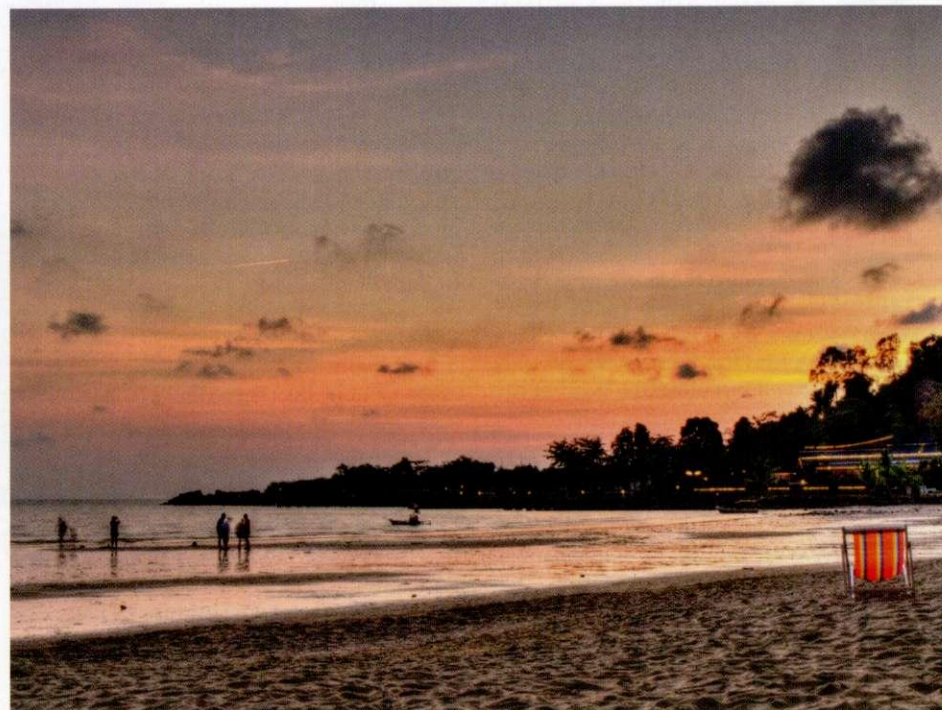
Chai Chet is a pretty spot and it is a good place to stay if you want a reasonable selection of facilities together with the opportunity to quickly escape from the crowds. There is a small village up on the road which has several mini-marts, a bank and two pharmacies as well as the usual selection of gift shops, tailors and the like. There are a couple of little shopping plazas here that have some nice places to eat. Then as you head up the hill out of Chai

Chet towards White Sand Beach you will find a cluster of beer bars that are far away enough to easily ignore but close enough to get to if you so desire.

Chai Chet beach is separated from the Klong Prao section at the point where the stream that feeds Klong Plu waterfall meets the sea. Usually it isn't a problem to wade across the water but watch out for your wallets, cameras and the like getting wet. There are some good seafood restaurants here and some nice wooden guesthouses that look out over the lagoon. If you are around here after dark then you can take a boat trip into the mangroves to see the colonies of fireflies that turn the trees into convincing imitations of Christmas Trees. The West Coast's best growth of mangrove forest is located in and around the waterways here.

Klong Prao Beach

Klong Prao beach is a wide expanse of fine sand that is home to a few higher end resorts like the well-known Amari



Koh Chang Beaches

Emerald Cove and also to a handful of the more traditional bamboo hut bungalows. Thankfully tasteful resort design and undeveloped stretches of jungle still allow the beach to retain a spacious and natural atmosphere.

Just before you reach Klong Prao village a riverside road leads a couple of kilometres inland to the picturesque Klong Plu waterfall which is well worth a visit and a swim in the natural pool below is a great way to cool down.

Klong Prao village lies on one of the few flat areas of land on the West Coast and so the village extends quite a way inland and the road veers further from the sea here than at the other beaches. A walk of a few minutes from the beach to the village brings you access to a bank and a couple of supermarkets as well as plenty of roadside bars and restaurants. There are fewer gift shops around here but that's not necessarily a bad thing. In and around the village there are also quite a few little resorts and places to stay.

Klong Prao Temple is in the centre of the village and is occasionally host to local fairs and festivals. Just down the road from here is a regular little local market that sells clothes, household wares and has a few food stalls that bridge the tasty/scary divide. Other businesses of note here include an excellent dental studio, a shooting range and a tiny tennis court.

Several elephant trekking businesses are based in Klong Prao and long-nosed grey giants pacing through the trees are a regular sight. The West coast's main school perches on top a small hill near the village and on schooldays an eruption of kids flows down to all but close the road at the end of class.

Kai Bae Beach

South of Klong Prao lies Kai Bae beach and village. The beach is a kilometre long strand notable for the fact that it overlooks a bay filled with several little islands. This makes for very attractive surroundings and a visit to the viewpoint on a hill just south of the village, especially around sunset, is

a must-do for visitors hoping to snap what is probably the definitive Koh Chang scene overlooking the bay. The islands also offer more in the way of activity based entertainment since you can hire canoes and head out into the bay to explore them. A paddle to the closest, which has a nice beach, takes just a few minutes.

At the north end of the beach is a jetty from which boat trips and a speedboat service to the islands South of Koh Chang depart. A couple of restaurants here offer commanding views up and down the coastline.

Kai Bae village itself stretches out along the road a couple of minutes walk behind the beach. The road is narrower here than elsewhere on the island and drivers and pedestrians co-exist nervously. But the village has a very good selection of shops, restaurants and bars. There are lots of ATM's and a foreign exchange booth, as well as several little supermarkets.

As well as the almost obligatory beachside seafood restaurants Kai Bae has several Italian restaurants, a bakery and restaurants offering international menus that include Russian, Dutch, Indian, English and more.

If you choose to make Kai Bae your base you can spend a little or a lot on accommodation depending on your budget and requirements. There are a string of hotels and mid-range bungalow resorts running along the beach and also some nice little hotels as well as some more good options in the village.

Lonely Beach

Originally known by locals as Hat Ta Nam Lonely Beach was given its English title by an enterprising resort owner and now that's what everyone calls it. So does it live up to its name? Well kind of. Lonely Beach developed as a backpacker's haven and whilst it certainly has more to offer than that these days it is still the first stop for many travellers. Having said that there are also an increasing number of upscale places to stay. There is less infrastructure here than at the more northerly beaches but there is still plenty to do and indeed

there are lots of restaurants and bars and a party scene that is probably the liveliest on Koh Chang.

The beach itself isn't the longest on the island but it makes up for that by being extremely pretty. A thick strip of sand stretches for a few hundred metres and then gives way to pebbles at the Southern end where a mountain stream flows into the sea. There are only four or five resorts actually beside the beach and no development at all on this part of the road so it is possible to get that feeling of being away from it all.

However as you follow the road over the little bridge to the south of the beach you hit the Lonely Beach village. There is a cluster of bungalows, businesses, bars and restaurants that runs along the main road and down a couple of side roads both to the left and right. There are a couple of minimarts and lots of little shops. There are ATM's but no bank or foreign exchange places.

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Bailan Beach

As Lonely Beach has become somewhat less lonely Bailan Beach has become a haven of peace and quiet for people who like things to be even calmer. There are a few simple backpacker spots but also some more luxurious places and even one five



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star hotel. Bailan's beach is quite short and fairly rocky although there is some sand protected by a breakwater on the stretch in front of the Mercure Resort and, as is usually the case with Koh Chang, the views are great.

There isn't much infrastructure although there are bars and restaurants at the resorts and also a few good places to eat and drink on the road. There is an internet café and bookshop near the bridge and a Thai cooking school nearby.

In and amongst the jungle rising from the South end of Bailan beach is the Treetop Adventure Park. Here you can climb along specially constructed walkways between the forest trees negotiating rope slides and other challenges. You can try either the easy or the expert route depending on how you're equipped with regard to fitness and/or vertigo.

Bang Bao Beach

Bang Bao is an old fishing village that has now largely been redeveloped for visitors to Koh Chang. It has spread out on a long

pier that juts out into a large bay and which has now sprouted any number of side arms and sub-piers. There are lots of shops selling everything from T-shirts, paintings and sunglasses to fresh fish and the pungent but precious locally made "Nam-Prik" fish paste – definitely an acquired taste. There are also some excellent seafood restaurants here that come into their own as the sun sets over the bay. The pier is also home to several dive shops, a police station, a health centre and of course the inevitable 7-Eleven store. Many of the island's boat tours depart from here as well as ferries to Koh Mak, Koh Wai and Koh Kood. If you walk all the way to the end of the pier you will find an ornamental lighthouse that offers some great views to those that climb it.

Bang Bao doesn't have any banks but there are several ATM's at the start of the pier as well as a small post office. There are also a Temple and a school next to the main road at the turn off point to the pier.

Bang Bao Bay also has a nice beach called Khong Koi along its Eastern shore. The beach has two or three restaurants and

beach bars and is a great place to lounge on the sand and enjoy the views out across the neighbouring islands to the south.

There are some good places to stay around Bang Bao. It is fun to stay over the water on the pier itself in one of several guesthouses and small resorts. There are also several resorts that encircle the waterfront of Bang Bao Bay that range from luxurious places like Nirvana to the backpacker-friendly Bang Bao Cliff Cottages.

And if camping is more your style then you will be interested to learn that at The Beach there is a new campsite right on the sand of Kong Goi Beach in Bang Bao Bay where you can pitch your own tent or rent one.

Koh Chang's Other Beaches

In addition to the main tourist beaches on the island's West Coast you can find some other nice and less explored beaches if you are prepared to venture a little further off the well-trodden path.

Koh Chang Beaches

Wai Check Beach

You're most likely to see Wai Check Beach from a boat since there is no road that leads to it, and no development of any kind on it (apart from a little hut). It lies on the South Coast of Koh Chang in the middle of a section of island with no road access. If you want a Robinson Crusoe experience then hire a boat and ask them to take you there. Make sure that you arrange for them to take you back as well.

Long Beach

Long Beach is almost as far as you can go by road on Koh Chang. It lies near the end of the road that heads to the far southeast point of the island. There is almost nothing in the way of facilities on the beach, just one small backpackers place with simple bamboo huts. It is a very nice beach though and looks out over Salak Phet Bay and the islands to the South of Koh Chang. The road to get there is in poor condition in places and is only safely accessible by motorbike or 4x4 vehicles.

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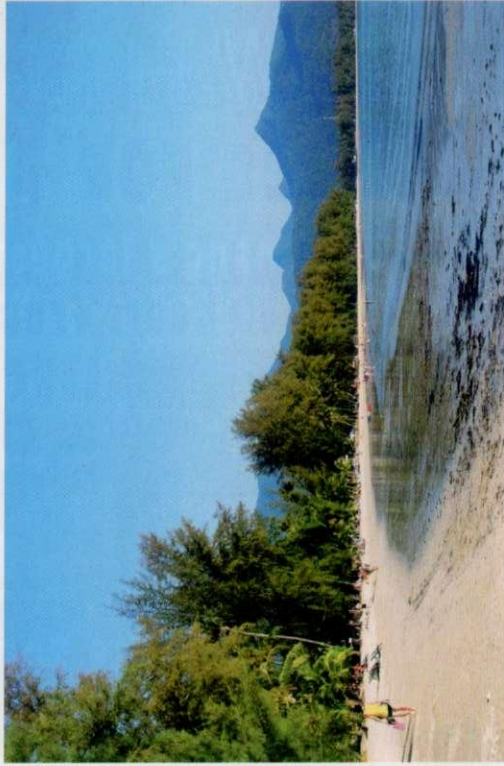
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- ◆ Know how to swim
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- ◆ If in doubt, don't go out

During the monsoon heavy seas with strong rip tides can develop off Koh Chang's beaches and people drown every year.

There is little in the way of lifeguards or safety equipment so if you go out and get into trouble you can't expect any help. Don't swim beyond your abilities and if the sea looks dangerous then it probably is. So stay out of the water when it's too rough.

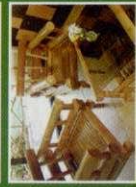
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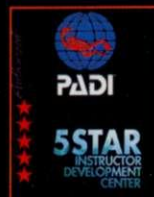
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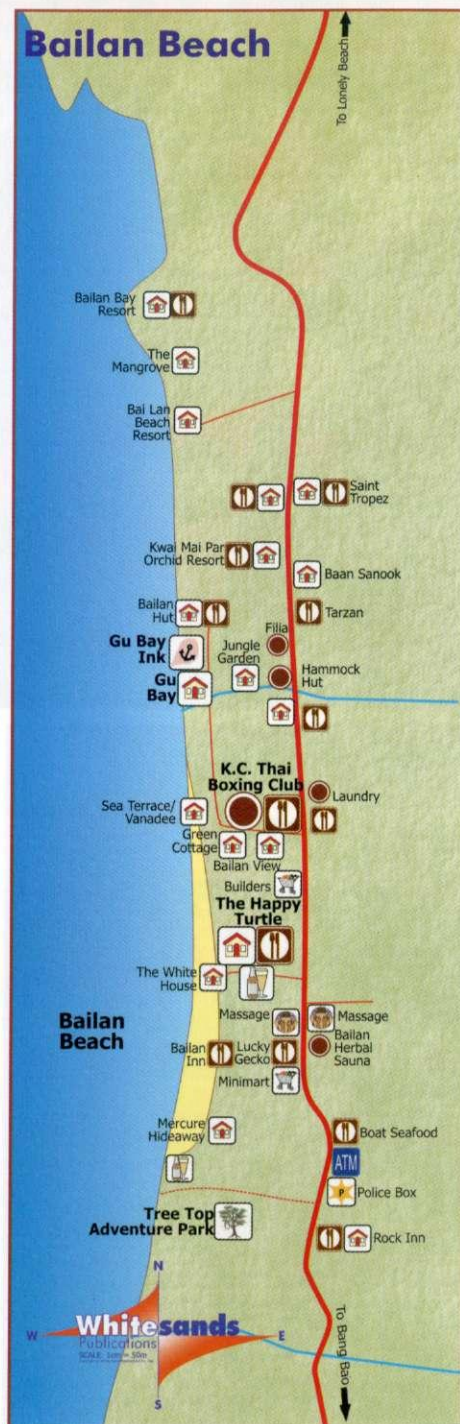


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Koh Chang now has two wrecks to dive! The first is the HTMS Chang, formerly the US Tank Landing Ship LST-542 was decommissioned by the Thai navy, stripped and sunk on November 22nd 2012 in 33 metres of water off the South-East coast of Koh Chang.

The Chang is 100 metres long and is Thailand's longest wreck dive so you will find plenty of ship to explore under the waters. and it is an interesting and challenging dive site for divers with advanced qualification. The undersea flora and fauna has now had time to develop and you can expect to see all kinds of larger pelagic fish in and around the wreck.

For the ship it is the end of a long life of service that started with its construction in Pittsburgh USA, and included World War 2 service in the

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The ship must have performed well since in 1955 it was finally given a name rather than a number and continued to serve as the USS Lincoln County until it was decommissioned and transferred to the Royal Thai Navy in 1962.

And now there is a second wreck to visit. The Thai Navy sank another decommissioned vessel off the island in December 2013. The whole process happened very quickly and with little of the fanfare and long delays that accompanied the sinking of the first wreck. The boat was the USS PGM-71, renamed the T11 by Thailand's Navy. It is a 30 metre long gunboat and has been sunk in shallower waters than the first wreck so it can be dived by divers with just an open water diving certificate. It's another great reason to come and dive Koh Chang.

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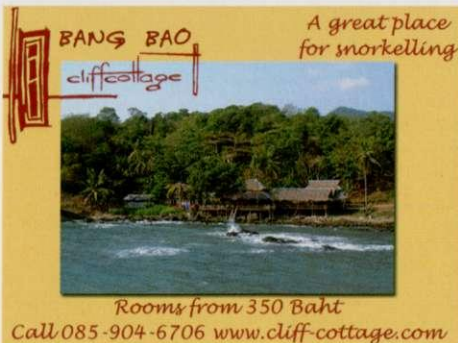


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There are no less than four waterfalls for you to visit. Heading south these are; Klong Nonsi just before Dan Mai village, Than Mayom a few kilometres further South and then Klong Nung and Khiri Phet waterfalls in the foothills of Salak Phet Mountain in the far south. Than Mayom is a six level cataract and retains the most water of the four in the dry season.

Salak Khok Bay is a charming spot with large areas of mangrove forest and a small fishing village. You can view the mangroves from the Mangrove Forest Walkway but perhaps a better way to sample the atmosphere is on a guided kayak tour through the trees with Salak Khok Kayak Station, perhaps the only project on Koh Chang that is owned and operated by the local community.

The intrepid can continue to the far South and visit the lovely Long Beach. This isolated strand is deserted except for two backpacker places. The next bay to the South contains a memorial to the Thai soldiers who lost their lives in the Thai Naval encounter with the French in 1941.

The largest settlement in the South East of the island is Salak Phet. This waterside fishing village is at the mouth of a large bay dotted with islands. A great place to take in the atmosphere is the long pier that juts out deep into the bay. There is an observation tower at the end which offers great photo opportunities.

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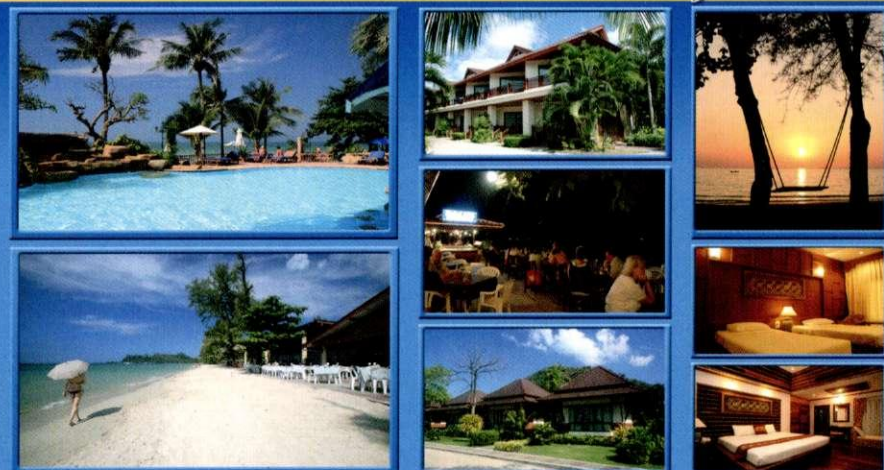
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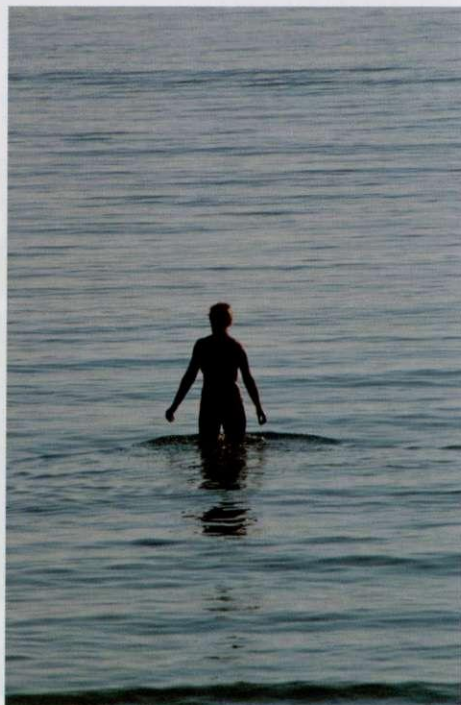
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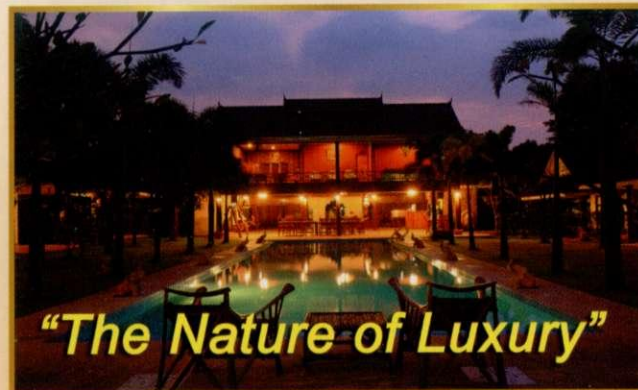
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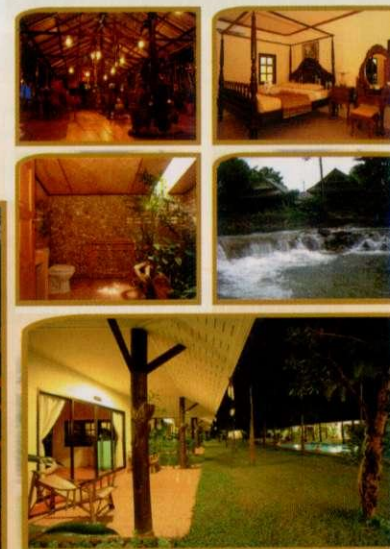
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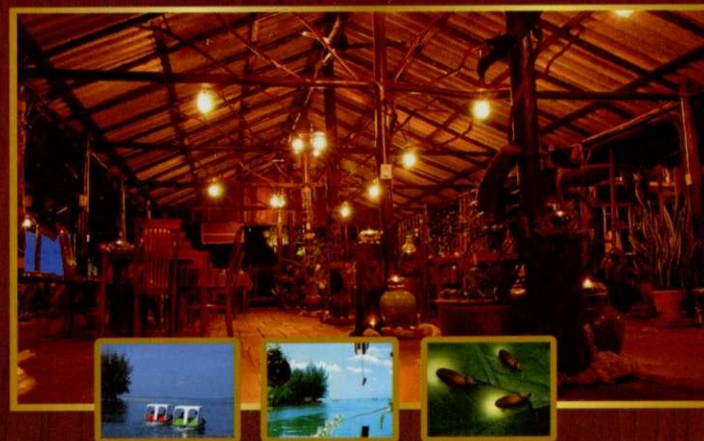
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Koh Chang - Klong Son

Siam Royal View Resort	C-D	First class resort with condos, bungalows, villas to rent. Water sports, 2km of sandy beach, pub, marina, two pools and Beach Club Restaurant	Tel: 039-555-144 Tel: 089-474-4335
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Koh Chang - Bang Bao

Bang Bao Cliff Cottages	A	This bungalow resort is in a great spot with the sea on both sides and rooms with great views	Tel: 085-904-6706 Tel: 086-229-5622
Buddha View	B	Delightful serviced rooms, all with fan and Aircon, in a beautiful setting.	Tel: 039-558-157 Fax: 039-558-158
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Photo Gallery

It's the photo gallery again. This time all our pics come from the extravaganza that was James and Charlotte's wedding on April 8th this year. It was a great day and a great night featuring the turntablism of the legendary Danny Rampling. Congratulations to them both and thanks for a party to (sort of) remember.



Restaurants & Bars

White Sands Beach

15 Palms	<i>European/ Thai</i>	Comfortable beach restaurant/bar. Good extensive European menu. Free Wi-Fi, pool table and live sports. They have a new coffee shop.
Best Food Restaurant	<i>Chinese</i>	This promisingly titled restaurant in Grand View Plaza serves authentic Chinese food.
Blue Lagoon Bar	<i>Bar</i>	One of the most popular bars in the "Mini-Pattaya" bar area. They have a free Pool table and show live sports. Late opening and friendly staff.
Buffalo Bill Steak House	<i>Steak</i>	This themed steakhouse and hotel offers a choice of different steaks using imported beef. And you get a 10% food discount with this guide.
Chang Buri Resort & Spa	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Balcony restaurant at this luxury hotel offering Thai and Western cuisine
Ciao Koh Chang	<i>Italian/ Thai</i>	This well-established Koh Chang favourite is located in a stylish restaurant half way up the hill out of White Sand Beach.
Home Bar	<i>Bar/Thai/ Western</i>	This friendly bar and restaurant features pizza, curries and Thai food, wines and cheeses and draught beer. They also do cooking lessons.
Jungle Queen	<i>European/ Bar</i>	Recently doubled in size this bar is becoming one of White Sand Beach's most popular late night venues.
K.C. Grande Resort & Spa	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Choose from no less than seven places to eat and drink here including: K.C. Bar, beachfront & rooftop restaurants, pool bars, and a coffee lounge.
Meals & More	<i>Thai/ German</i>	German and European favourites as well as a Thai menu at this friendly place opposite Top Resort. They have Weiherstaepner beer.
Monkey's	<i>Western/ Thai</i>	Some interesting menu selections at this stylish restaurant and bar. Lounge area with comfy sofas, a pool table and sport on a big screen.

Restaurants & Bars

Norng Bua	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Thai food, snacks and noodle soup in this inexpensive roadside eatery
One Nightclub	<i>Club</i>	The newest nightclub on White Sands, One Nightclub is a large club that has DJ's, drinks, food and dancing until the very early hours.
Oodie's Place	<i>Thai/ French</i>	Blues/Thai/Folk/Rock live music bar. Popular island hangout. Food includes Mongolian barbecue and Steak Lao. French Menu and Pizzas
Paddy's Palms	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Koh Chang's original Irish Pub has an extensive Western menu. Families welcome. Special roast dinners on Sundays. Draft Guinness and free Wi-Fi.
Pattama's Restaurant	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	This restaurant has a full Thai menu with fresh coffee and tea. It also has Western breakfasts, fresh pasta and meats from Australia.
Piatto Ricco	<i>Italian/ Thai</i>	Pizzas, Pastas and all kinds of Italian specialities offer at this roadside restaurant in central White Sand Beach. They have imported steaks.
Plaloma	<i>Western</i>	Attractive sea views in this restaurant on the first floor of Plaloma Resort
Rock Sand	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Beachside restaurant/bar with fantastic views over the beach and bay. A good spot for watching the sunset. Now Italian Gelato ice cream.
Siam Kitchen	<i>Chinese/ Thai</i>	Restaurant offering Western and Chinese specialities in addition to a full Thai menu. Cocktails are also available.
Tantawan	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	This bar and restaurant is in a great location right by the beach. They have a well-priced menu and fresh seafood is a popular choice.
Thai/Danish Restaurant	<i>European</i>	Lots of tempting selections on the eclectic menu in this interesting Danish and European restaurant
The White Elephant	<i>Bar/ European</i>	This lively new bar has 3 flatscreen TVs with local and Scandinavian channels, Carlsberg on draft, an electronic jukebox and opens until late.



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Thor's Palace	Thai/ Western	Comfortable beachside restaurant/bar at Alina Resort run by the colourful Thor. Excellent Thai curries. Good music. Try their tasty cocktails.
Tiger's Den	Bar	Friendly and popular beach bar. Cocktails and a happy hour as well as live sport.
Koh Chang Wine Gallery	Wine/ Coffee	This new place with Thai coffee and a large range of wines is centrally located opposite Lagoon Resort close to the Bangkok Bank.

Hat Kai Mook (Pearl Beach)

Books Thailand.com	Cafe	Now Koh Chang's bookshop serves a selection of breakfasts and full meals as well as sandwiches, fresh coffees and drinks.
Elephant & Castle	Western	Friendly cafe on an attractive jungle hillside. English breakfasts, roast dinners, pies, curries, casseroles. Banter.
Kai Mook Resort	Thai	The restaurant at this beachside resort has a menu consisting of all the classic Thai dishes.
Pennys Resort	Thai/ Western	Restaurant and beach cocktail bar offering Thai and Western dishes. They have a beachside barbeque on Saturday nights.
Saffron on The Sea	Thai/ Western	Scenic restaurant & bar by the sea. Offers breakfasts, lunches & dinners in a shady and secluded garden setting
Sanae's	Thai/ Western	The good food here includes home-made sausages and all day breakfasts as well as one of Koh Chang's best Pat Gapows.

Chai Chet

Bodiwork & Tea House	Spa/Tea House	This new place in front of Coconut resort offers all kinds of spa treatments and training courses as well as having a Tea House.
Chinese Restaurant	Chinese	This restaurant in V.J. Plaza serves all kinds of authentic Chinese and Chinese-Thai specialities.
Franky's Roadhouse	Bar/ European	Popular rock music bar with pool table, darts, German food and live sports including Formula 1 and Bundesliga football on big screens.
La Cabra	Western/ Tapas	Daily specials, and a good selection of Thai and western meals as well as Tapas at La Cabra Gallery opposite Koh Chang Resort in Chai Chet.
Koh Chang Peng Wan Resort	Thai/ Chinese	Peng Wan Holiday Resort is under new management and this restaurant serves Thai and Chinese food.
Marco & Jo Ristorante Italiano	Italian	One of Koh Chang's top ranked restaurants on Tripadvisor and it deserves the praise. Two Italian chefs prepare excellent pizzas, home-made pastas and authentic Italian dishes in V.J. Plaza.
Moons	Thai/ Western	This well established restaurant and bar offers a good mixture of Thai and Western favourites. They also have a pool table.

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Klong Prao

Bam & Tom	Thai/ Korean	This restaurant serves authentic and tasty Thai and Issan (North-Eastern Thai) dishes as well as whole roast chickens.
Breezes Bar	Bar	This bar at Amari Emerald Cove has live music. They currently have a "buy one get one free" happy hour from 9pm to 11pm nightly.
Burger Station	Burgers	Real 100% home-made burgers are the order of the day here. What's more - they will deliver free in the Kai Bae area.
Cheap Thrills	Bar/ Western	There is live music every night at this attractive bar, restaurant and guest house. They also serve Mediterranean and Thai cuisine.
Crust	Bakery/ Deli	This popular bakery/Deli has all kinds of breads, sandwiches and cakes as well as a European deli with all kinds of hard to find treats.
Iyara Seafood	Thai/ Western	Seafood restaurant in a picturesque setting on the lagoon with terrific views of the beach and the mountain.
Iyara Food Center	Thai	This place opposite Klong Prao temple has a small menu of cheap and tasty Chinese Thai dishes that are prepared amazingly fast.
Just Thai	Thai	Quality Thai cuisine served in the pleasant surroundings of this well-presented Thai restaurant at Amari Emerald Cove.
KA-TI Culinary	Thai/ Western	You can taste a wide range of authentic Thai dishes in this restaurant. If you like you can take a course to learn how to cook them yourself.
Klong Prao Resort	Thai/ Western	The restaurant at this popular beachfront resort has a full Thai and International menu as well as a nightly seafood barbeque.
Moley's	Western/ Bar	Home-made farang food: full English breakfasts, burgers, steaks, chicken, spag' bol' & cold beers all in a lovely waterfront bar setting.



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Sassi	Italian	This Italian restaurant is on the second floor of Amari Emerald Cove Koh Chang. It serves classic Italian cuisine.
Sea Breeze	Thai/ Western	Beachside bar and restaurant at Centara Koh Chang Tropicana hotel. Full a la carte Thai and Western menu and live music.
The Cove Terrace	Thai/ Western	This international restaurant on the beachfront at Amari Emerald Cove Koh Chang is open from 6 am to 11 pm daily.
V.J. Hotel & Spa	Thai/ Western	Restaurant and bar beside the sea at this new hotel on Klong Prao beach.

Kai Bae

Backstage	Bar	A bar in the centre of Kai Bae with a rock theme: large screens showing classic concerts, regular live music, Pizza, Burgers and all kinds of drinks.
Barrio Bonito	Mexican	This popular Mexican restaurant has recently moved from Lonely Beach. They serve authentic Mexican food prepared by a Mexican chef.
Ciao Italian: Kai Bae	Italian/ Thai	Excellent authentic Italian food at this smart restaurant just as you enter Kai Bae. Freshly made pasta, pizza, lasagne and desserts. Kept clean to European standards.
Filou Cocktail Lounge	Bar	This is a popular Kai Bae nightspot. They have free Wi-Fi, pool and table football as well as special offers on drinks every night.
Kai Bae Hut	Thai/ Western	Thai food, breakfasts and western dishes at this restaurant at Kai Bae Hut Resort beside the jetty.
Mojito	Bar	"The funky cocktail club" is a good way of referring to this attractively decorated bar that brings a little sophistication to Kai Bae.
Morgan's	English/ Thai	Popular & friendly English-run bar and restaurant serving Thai and Western foods. Pool table and live sports shown on a big screen.
Papa	Bakery	Cakes, Sandwiches, fresh coffee and good freshly-baked bread.
Riddim Shack	Caribbean/ Bar	This little bar and restaurant is the only place on Koh Chang's serving Caribbean dishes like jerk chicken. And of course there's plenty of reggae.
Sea Breeze Cocktails	Music Bar	Wooden bar at the front of Kai Bae Plaza. There is a live band playing nightly and audience participation is encouraged.
The Big Lobster	Thai/ Seafood	This new place at the front of Chang Park Resort serves Thai and Western food and has nightly Thai Dance shows and fire shows.
The Garden	Thai/ Western	Restaurant and Bar with pool table at this comfortable and centrally placed hotel in the middle of Kai Bae village.
Wine Gallery	Bar/Cafe	Koh Chang's only bar offering a large range of beers and spirits at wholesale prices. They have fresh Arabica coffees from North Thailand.
Ziva Italian Restaurant	Italian	Fernanda's stylish restaurant is not Itagliano, nor Ithailian, just genuine Italian food. Pizzas, pastas, lasagne, ice-cream and home-made specialities.

Lonely Beach

BB World of Tapas	International	This place has a large variety of different tapas as well as a huge selection of imported Belgian beers. And a swimming pool!
Little Eden	Thai/ International	Good Thai and International food at the restaurant of this hillside bungalow resort. Try their tasty house specialities. English German and Thai Spoken.
Little Miss Naughty	Thai/ Western	A Thai and Western menu specialising in seafood at this attractive little restaurant and adjoining bar beside the river.
Lonely Beach Resort	Thai/ Western	This place has just doubled their seating capacity due to the popularity of their breakfasts, pizzas and western and Thai menu and busy bar.

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Magic Garden	Thai/ Western	A bar and restaurant with regular live music and an extensive Thai and Western menu as well as a daily "Magic BBQ".
Oasis Resort	Thai/ Western	This hillside restaurant has a great sea view. Enjoy the sunset with a cold beer or try one of their delicious sandwiches.
Paradise Cottages	Thai/ Western	Thai and Western meals are available in the bar/restaurant of this modern looking resort.
Q	Thai/ Western	A nice place where underground house grooves fuse with international food. They also have Carlsberg draught, free Wi-Fi and pool.
Sea Flower	Thai/ Western	This seafront resort has a bar/restaurant over the water in a great spot where a small river meets the sea.
Siam Beach Resort	Thai/ Western	The beachside restaurant at Siam Beach is a pleasant place to enjoy a meal or a sunset cocktail.
Siam Hut	Bar/Thai	Every Friday sees a huge beach party until late at this popular backpacker resort and other nights are also lively.
The Hangover	Bar/ European	This new bar and restaurant prides itself on having great steaks and classic European and Russian dishes. And they open until very late.
The Sunflower	Thai/ Western	Authentic Thai & Western Food. Extensive breakfast menu. Laid back atmosphere.
Wine Gallery	Coffee/ Wine	The Lonely Beach branch of this Koh Chang chain of wine and coffee shops is down the side road next to Himmel Bar.

Restaurants & Bars

Bailan Beach

Bailan Hut	Thai/Euro	Chilled out bar/restaurant on stilts over the sea. Extensive menu with tasty Thai and European food.
Bailan Bay Resort	Thai/Seafood	This resort has a Thai and Seafood restaurant at the top of a hill with great views over Bailan Bay.
The Happy Turtle	Thai/Western	Good Thai food (they have a cooking school), ice cream, milkshakes and coffee as well as a bar with a good pool table. Newly Rebuilt.
Jungle Garden	Bar	Drinks and snacks available at this friendly bar and bungalow resort next to the river in Bailan village.
Kwai Mai Par Orchid Resort	Thai/Western	This restaurant and lounge bar is set in a pleasant garden next to a swimming pool and offers all kinds of Thai and Western favourites.

Bang Bao

Bang Bao Cliff Cottages	Thai/Western	This relaxed bungalow resort offers meals in the lovely setting of their waterfront bar and restaurant area.
The Beach Club	Thai/Western	This beach bar and restaurant is in a great location on the beach 500m past Bang Bao. They also have new beachside rooms.
Bhuvarin Resort	Thai/Western	The restaurant at this resort is in a great spot at the water's edge overlooking Bang Bao bay.
Buddha View	Thai/Western	Relax in tropical surroundings with panoramic view of the ocean while enjoying authentic Traditional Thai cuisine or excellent European food.
El Greco	Greek	Authentic Greek food and great cocktails are served at this nice little guesthouse and restaurant with a great location on Bang Bao pier.
Ido Ido Bar & Restaurant	Thai/Bar	This charming little beach bar is on its own beach called Sai Noi about 500m after Bang Bao village. Breakfasts from 8am, food and drinks 'til late.

Klong Son

The Beach Club	Thai/Continental	Enjoy a meal, take a dip in the swimming pool or simply enjoy a drink in the great surroundings of this beachside place at Siam Royal View.
The Marina Pub	Pub Food	The waterfront pub at the new Siam Royal View marina has a pool table and dart board, a crazy golf course and they serve pub meals.

East Coast

Amber Sands	Thai/Western	This is a great place to stop off for generous servings of tasty, wholesome food whilst exploring Koh Chang's unspoilt east coast.
Island View Resort & Spa	Thai/Seafood	Delicious fresh seafood over the water at this restaurant sitting at the end of a pier offering fantastic views of Salak Phet bay.
Parama Koh Chang	Thai/Western	This new luxury resort in Check Bae prides itself on the quality of its cuisine. They offer a free pick-up service for diners on 039-871-025.
Ristorante de Valentino	Italian/Thai	Authentic Italian food prepared by an Italian chef as well as Thai classics in the restaurant located at Garden of Joy Resort.
The Spa Koh Chang Resort	Vegetarian	This resort offers a comprehensive vegetarian menu. The Koh Samui branch is very highly praised so this place is well worth a try.

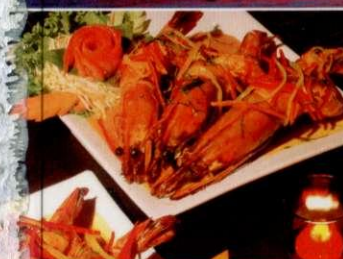
Koh Mak

Koh Mak Cococape	Thai/Seafood	The restaurant at this resort is located between the pool and the seaside and offers breakfasts and a Thai and seafood menu.
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